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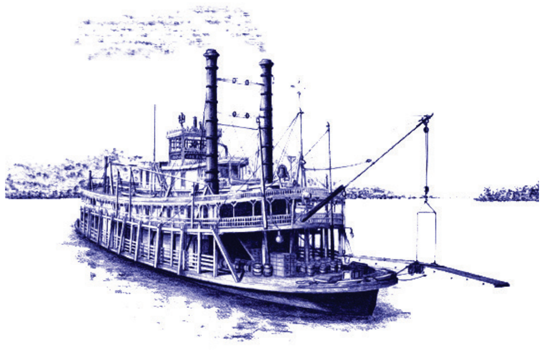

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Scudder promoted to police chief

Detective Sgt. an 11-year veteran of MPD

BY BOB DEMAREE

Shawn Scudder was sworn in as the City of Madison's new police chief on Wednesday to replace John Wallace who recently announced his retirement.

Scudder, currently a detective sergeant, has been a member of Madison Police Department (MPD) for nearly 11 years, joining the department in March of 2013.

The swearing in of Scudder followed his appointment by Madison Mayor Bob Courtney after Scudder interviewed last week with the city's Board of Public Works and Safety which includes Courtney, David Carlow and Karl Eaglin.

Courtney noted that Scudder is "an emerging leader within the MPD, leading our efforts concerning crimes against children (Operation Predator Net) and establishing the PASS (Police Advocacy and Support Services) program for officers in our area. He has received numerous commendations and has been a tenured department veteran solving difficult cases as a detective throughout his time in the MPD. I look forward to working with Chief Scudder and the MPD team on our public safety initiatives and thank Chief Wallace for his solid leadership during his term."

Scudder will officially take over as Madison Police Chief on Wednesday, Jan. 3, coinciding with the last day for Wallace.

"Detective Scudder has displayed outstanding leadership qualities," said Wallace. "He led the way in Operation Predator Net, and is always ready to take the lead when difficult situations arise. He puts the MPD first and deeply cares about his fellow officers and our community. I certainly wish Shawn nothing but the best, and I'm so proud of our officers."

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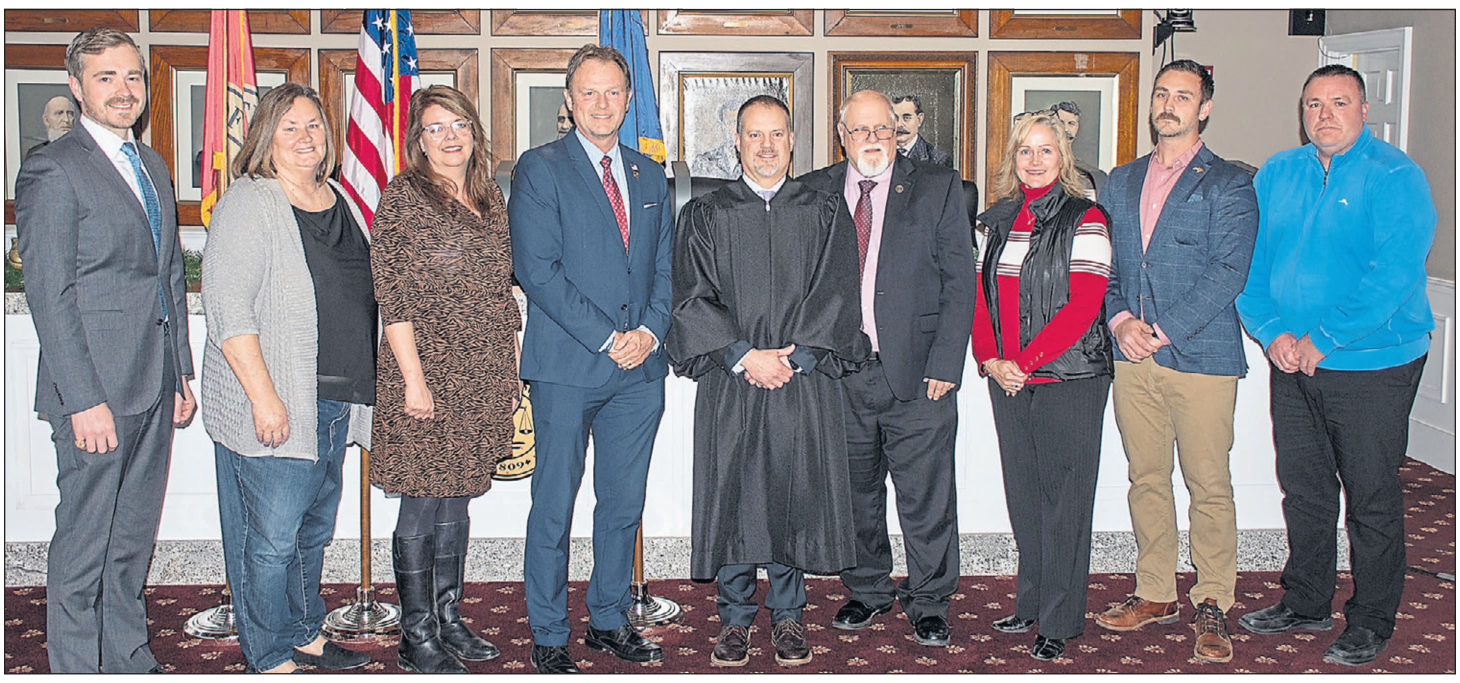


Bob Demaree

The swearing in ceremony for new four-year terms for Mayor, Clerk-treasurer and City Council was held Wednesday at Madison City Hall with Circuit Judge Donald J. Mote presiding. They all officially begin their new terms Jan. 1, 2024. Pictured (from left) are Patrick Thevenow, Council District 1; Carla Eades Krebs, Council District 2; Lucy Dattilo, Council District 3; Bob Courtney, Mayor; Mote; Jim Bartlett, Council-at-Large; Katie Rampy, Clerk-treasurer; Joel Storm, Council District 5; and Josh Wilber, Council-at-Large.

Madison elected officials take oaths of office

BY BOB DEMAREE

Elected officials in Madison took their oaths of office on Wednesday to begin serving four-year terms on Jan. 1.

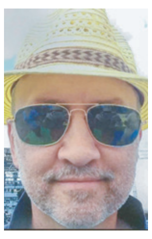
"I want to thank you for all the hard work that you put into, and the love and support of your families that helped all of us get to where we are at this particular moment of time. It's an honor to represent the city of Madison," said Bob Courtney, who was sworn in for his second four-year term as Mayor.

Circuit Judge Donald J. Mote swore in all of the elected officials — his third time to perform the ceremony with Courtney — the first being Monday, Oct. 14, 2019, after being appointed in Republican caucus following death of Mayor Damon Welch. Courtney went on to win the general election that year and was sworn in for his first four-year term.

Also taking their oaths Wednesday were Clerk-treasurer Katie Rampy, District 1 Council Patrick Thevenow, District 2 Council Carla Eades Krebs, District 3 Council Lucy Dattilo, District 5 Council Joel Storm, and Council-at-Large Jim Bartlett and Josh Wilber.

The only Council member not sworn in Wednesday was Joshua Schafer, representing District 4, who will take his oath prior to the first City Council meeting of the year on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Elam makes a musical home in Madison



CHARLIE
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CHARLIE'S BEAT

Everybody who reads this column knows that Madison has a deep bench of local musical talent. This week is Column No. 263, and probably 200 of the topics were the many players, singers, band members and music makers who call Madison home.

But we also have a sizable cadre of folks who live nearby, across the river in Kentucky or the surrounding Indiana towns, who are so familiar on the scene that we have to consider them part of our local musical fabric.

Several come to mind right away, like Robby Cox from Pendleton, Kentucky; Tracy Thompson from North Vernon, Indiana; or Matt Red Moore up the road in La Grange, Kentucky. Fred Elam is one such itinerant minstrel, hosting the open mic night at Rivertown Grill most Thursday nights, as well as appearances at The Drake and The Central from time to time.

"I'm an Austin native," explains Fred, "born, bred and still calling it home. I grew up in a neighborhood of Austin they call Spicertown, and when I was a kid we used to roll up the garage door and our little band would blast out the latest songs. People would drop by to listen and encourage us.

"I started out on drums when I was playing in the school bands, but eventually I gravitated back to guitar, which I had picked up hanging out with my grandpa and my uncles, when they used to sit and play bluegrass on our porch.

"I work at GarTech Enterprises in Austin to pay the bills, but I play as much as I can. I play a lot in Seymour and Columbus, at the Eagles Clubs and what have you. Seymour is not bad, as far as a music scene, it's getting better. But none of the towns around here compare to Madison. It's Indiana's Music City!

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BY CHARLIE ROHLFING

Austin native Fred Elam is an open mic regular in Madison.

Hanover slashes parks positions to part time

Council member Garrett: 'Please let it be known that I'm 100% against this decision'

BY BOB DEMAREE

Hanover's two full-time parks department positions were made part-time effective the beginning of 2024 by a 4-1 vote Wednesday in Hanover Town Council's final meeting of 2023.

Scott Davidson has been full-time parks director since November of 2020 while Megan Varble has been the full-time Community Programs and Engagement Coordinator since August of 2022.

Under the town's new salary ordinance approved for 2024, the Parks Director position now has the title of League Director and is a 29 hours-per-week job at a pay rate ranging from $16 to $21 per hour with no benefits. The Community Programs and Engagement Coordinator position now has the title of Parks Coordinator and is also a 29 hours-per-week position at a pay rate ranging from $16 to $18 per hour with no benefits.

In addition to approving the salary ordinance, the town council also set job descriptions for the newly named positions of League Director and Parks Coordinator. There were separate votes on the ordinance — the League Director job description and the Parks Coordinator job description — and the vote was 4-1 with only town council member Kenny Garrett opposing while council members Debbie Kroger, Treva Shelton, Ben Sommer and Tim Buxton all supported the changes.

"Please let it be known that I'm 100% against this decision," Garrett said on Wednesday. "I think it is absolutely crazy for us to make this decision. We've had over 500 kids in our parks program. Now, if you see those park programs start to go down to 200 and 100, and we get to where we used to be, please don't blame me for this because I have absolutely no decision in this. I think it's a huge mistake. The parks program is booming right now. Madison was down to nothing, and you're going to watch Madison grow right now and watch us go back down. That's my two cents worth."

"I expect that to happen because Madison has been working really hard," said Kroger. "It's not a competition between Madison and us."

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Several closings have been announced in conjunction with the New Year's Day holiday.

- Jefferson County, Madison and Hanover governmental offices and courts will be closed for the New Year's holiday on Monday, Jan. 1 — including the Madison Transfer Station — and Madison trash pickup also will be delayed one day that week.
- County trash will not run on Monday, Jan 1. The schedule for the remainder of the week:
  - Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Chelsea
  - Wednesday, Jan. 3, at Deputy
  - Thursday, Jan. 4, at Dupont
  - Friday, Jan. 5, at Rykers Ridge
  - Saturday, Jan. 6, at Canaan and Brooksburg

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OBITUARIES

Brenda Marlene Howell Broadus

Brenda Marlene Howell Broadus, age 80, of Scottsburg, Indiana entered this life on August 19, 1943 in Scottsburg, Indiana. She was the daughter of the late Maurice Edwin and Anna Glenn Field Howell. She was raised in Scott County, Indiana and attended school there receiving her GED. She was united in marriage on October 15, 1960 in Scottsburg to Lloyd Garrett Broadus. This union was blessed with a daughter, Selina and sons, John Mark, and Anthony Lloyd. Most of her working career was spent as an administrative assistant. She was raised in the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Scott County. Marlene was an ordained minister and was very involved in various ministries and music ministries. She enjoyed collecting many things, playing the organ and piano. Marlene died on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 8:03 p.m. at the Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Marlene will be missed by her sons, John Mark Broadus and his wife, Deana of Scottsburg, IN, Anthony Lloyd "Tony" Braodus, Sr. and his wife, LaDonna of Underwood, IN; her daughter, Selina Zollman of Brownstown, IN; her grandchildren, Tumeka Kendle, Tara Conley, Rudy Reinhart, Shane Broadus, Anthony Lloyd Broadus, Jr., Shawn Motsinger, Lillie Broadus, Magdalene "Maggie" Broadus; several great grandchildren; her half brothers, Michael Howell of Indianapolis, IN, Thomas Howell of Indianapolis, IN; her aunt, Martha Lee Stephanus of Lexington, IN; her uncle and her aunt, Dale and Mary Frances Field of Greenwood, IN; several cousins and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Maurice Edwin Howell; her mother, Anna Glenn Field Howell; her husband, Lloyd Garrett Broadus, died October 16, 1994; her grandson, Aaron Matthew Reinhart; her maternal grandmother, Lillie Betty Moore Field; her aunt, Betty Marie Field Nay.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 29, 2023, at 3 p.m., by Pastor David Shill the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Springdale Cemetery,600 West Fifth Street in downtown Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Friday from 1 — 3 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Spinal Cord Injury Research. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Jeffrey Lynn 'Big Foot' Scroggins

Jeffrey Lynn "Big Foot" Scroggins, age 46, of Jeffersonville, Indiana formerly of Madison entered this life on February 22, 1977 in Louisville, Kentucky. He was the loving son of the late, Jerry Wayne and Marsha Diane Fields Scroggins. He was raised in Jefferson County, Indiana and graduated in 1995 from Madison Consolidated High School. He later attended college to further his career. He had worked in customer service with Sei Data in Dillsboro, Domino's as a manager, and currently was employed in account retention with Spectrum for the past 16 years. Jeff was baptized in 1998 at the Madison Assembly of God Church where he was a member. He loved fishing, tinkering on things, crafts, gadgets and spoiling his cousins. Jeff died suddenly on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at his home in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Jeff will be missed by his brothers, James Bradford "Brad" Royalty of Jeffersonville, IN, Dave Scroggins and his wife, Kim of Milton, KY, Ronnie Scroggins of Carrollton, KY, Darren Scroggins and his wife, Teresa of Hanover, IN; his aunts and uncles, Donna and Ossie White of Deputy, IN, Linda Rook of Iowa, Rick Fields of Madison, IN, Bob and Becky Fields of Paris Crossing, IN, Ken Fields of Fairborn, OH, Robert and Ruth Scroggins of Orange City, FL, Phyllis and Donald Logsdon of Scottsville, KY, Pam Phillips of Madison, IN, Mary Johnson of Madison, IN, Terry Boggs of Irmo, South Carolina; numerous cousins, great aunts, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Wayne Scroggins; his mother, Marsha Diane Fields Scroggins Royalty; his brother, Jerry Duane Scroggins; his sister, Elizabeth Michelle Royalty; his aunts and his uncles, Nancy Grider, Rita Sue Fields, Anthony "Tony" Fields, and Debbie Fields, his maternal grandparents, James R. Fields, and Mary Esther Gassert Fields.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 31, 2023, at 2 p.m., by Pastor Mike Shuler at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow at a later date in the Caledonia Cemetery near Moorefield, Indiana.

Friends may visit Sunday from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre/

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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M. Jane Ward Judy

M. Jane Ward Judy, age 72, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on December 30, 1950 in Speedway, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Morris and Betty Louise Webb Ward. She grew up in Speedway and graduated from Speedway High School in 1969. Jane moved to the Vevay community in 1981 and began her career there as a program technician for Farm Service Agency in Switzerland County and some in Jefferson County. She was blessed with a daughter, Andra Lynne. On May 11, 2002 she was united in marriage to David Eldon Judy in Vevay, Indiana. This marriage blessed Jane with a step son, Jerrod David. Jane enjoyed horseback riding, gardening, decorating, working with stained glass and socializing. She was a member of the Speedway Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Jane died on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 10:05 p.m. at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, Indiana.

Jane will be missed by her loving husband of 21 years, David Eldon Judy of Madison, IN; her loving daughter, Andra Kress Bladen and her husband Rusty of Madison, IN; her step son, Jerrod David Judy of Robbins, TN; her step daughter, Ann Morton and her husband, Drew of Oxford, PA; her grandchildren, Jackson and Lydia; her sisters, Kay O'Farrell and her husband Ed of Attica, IN, Linda Ward of Avon, IN, Kelly Ward of Indianapolis, IN; her sister in law, Luanne Green and her husband, Lowell of East Enterprise, IN; her brother in law, Erroll Wayne Judy and his wife, Jill of Vevay, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Morris Ward; her mother, Betty Louise Webb Ward; her sister in law, Jeanne Judy Konkle.

Jane chose cremation with a celebration of life to be held on her 73rd birthday on December 30, 2023, from 4 -8 p.m. at the Madison Elks Lodge No. 524, 1251 West Main in downtown Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

William 'Bill' Everett Hardy

William "Bill" Everett Hardy, age 87, of Deputy, Indiana entered this life on October 19, 1936 in Jefferson County, Indiana at the family home near Chelsea. He was the loving son of the late Willie M. and Ruth Taylor Hardy. Bill died on Monday, December 25, 2023, at 10:57 p.m. at the Norton Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Bill will be missed by his loving three sons, Mark William Hardy and his wife, Rebecca Jane of North Vernon, IN, Larry Allen Hardy and his companion, Teresa Collins of North Vernon, IN, John Martin Hardy and his wife, Annette of Dupont, IN; his grandchildren, Matthew, Samantha (Ty), Autumn (Seth), Martin, Nelson, Olivia, ~~{span}~~Aiden~~{/span}~~ and Lucas; his great grandchildren, Rilynn and Rhett, his brothers, Randall Hardy and his wife, Debbie of Lexington, IN, Charles Wesley Kloss and his wife, Tammy of Hanover, IN, Scott A. Kloss and his wife, Dawn of Madison, IN; his sisters, Elizabeth Fleming and her husband, Brad of Calvert City, KY, Theresa Handlon and her husband, Eric of Madison, IN, Mary Vest of Madison, IN; his sister in law, Joyce Gray of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Willie M. Hardy; his mother, Ruth Taylor Hardy; his step mother, Carol Hardy; his sisters, June Hardy Phillips, and her husband, Raymond, and Joan Elizabeth Hardy Long and her husband, George, his beloved wife of 57 years, Shirley Ann Reece Hardy; his step granddaughter, Theresa Marie Darst.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Bro. George Reece and Pastor Brandon Scroggins at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow at a later date in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may call Saturday, January 6, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Irvin Gene Adams, 81, of Columbus, IN, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at Willow Crossing Health & Rehabilitation Center in Columbus. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home in Columbus with burial in the family plot at Dupont Cemetery in Dupont, IN, www.barkesweaver-glick.com.

Pamela Dean Boyer Ball, 76, of La Grange, KY, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, at Campbellsburg Christian Church, in Campbellsburg, KY, with a reception and greeting time to follow in the church fellowship hall.

William Keith "Billy" Bishop, 59, of Columbus, IN, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, at Columbus Regional Hospital there. A celebration of life was conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon, IN, www.dovesharprudicel.com.

Edgar "Blaine" Boutwell, 70, of Worthville, KY, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, in Lexington, KY. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at New Funeral Homes in Owenton, KY, www.mcdonaldandnew.com.

Ronnie R. Burgess, 67, of Madison, IN, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

William Michael Foley, 72, of Hanover, IN, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at Our Hospice of South Central Indiana in Columbus, IN. Private family services will be conducted at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel with interment to follow in the Hanover Cemetery in Hanover, IN. A public celebation of life

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Precipitation since last published: .48
Precipitation, December 2023: 1.80
Precipitation, 2023: 45.57
Barometer: 29.64, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.59, Rising
Forecast: Saturday: Cloudy High 42/Low 33; Sunday (New Year's Eve) Mostly cloudy High 46/Low 28; Monday (New Year's Day) Mostly cloudy High 41/Low 26; Tuesday Mostly sunny High 43/Low 27.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 3-7-34-35-38-43 (12/27). Next Estimated Jackpot: $2 million. Next Drawing (12/30).
Cash Five: 2-7-12-19-32 (12/27)
Cash 4 Life: 1-7-10-23-32 CB: 3 (12/27)

KENTUCKY
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Kentucky 5 Extra: 2-23-35-36-37 (12/27)
Lucky For Life: 8-12-36-38-45 LB: 1 (12/27)

MEGAMILLIONS
8-10-22-58-58 MB: 21, MP x3 (12/26). Next Jackpot: $92 million. Next Drawing (12/29)

POWERBALL
4-11-38-51-68 PB: 5, PP 3 (12/27). Next Estimated Jackpot: $760 million. Next Drawing (12/30)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY
4-29-39-66-67 PB: 2 (12/27). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (12/30)

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JAN. 1
Brad Ferguson

JAN. 3
Amy Slayden Anderson

JAN. 5
Joe Johnson

OBITUARIES

Thomas Arthur 'Tom' Hearn

Thomas Arthur "Tom" Hearn, age 84, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on July 18, 1939 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late, Arthur F. and Ruth Wonnell Hearn. He grew up in Indianapolis and was a 1957 graduate of Howe High School where he played on the champion Tennis team. He then graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Business Administration in 1962. He was a life long member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at the University of Cincinnati. On September 18, 1964 he was united in marriage to Barbara J. Beldon at the Lawrence United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. This happy union of 59 years was blessed with sons, Thomas Patrick and Dennis Michael and daughters, Kelly Elizabeth and Tracy Kathleen. Tom began an extensive career in hardware industry and was employed with Wrap-On Corporation in Chicago. He began his 20 year career there as the assistant sales manager and worked his way up to president of the company working at the corporate office at the Huron and Orleans building in Chicago. He served on the board of the American Hardware Manufacturing Association as well as two terms as president. His career required him to travel all over the world which helped with his passion for airplanes that he received because his father was a pilot. His career later led him to Carrollton Kentucky and he served as president of the Rich Ladder Company from 1984-1989. During that time the family moved to Madison where his children attended Madison Consolidated High School and the family were members of the Trinity United Methodist Church. In 1989 he became the director of sales with Werner Ladder Company in Pennsylvania, and this led the family to move to nearby Fowler, Ohio. His successful career lead him to become president of the North American Region and for Global Markets with the American Tool Company. The family moved to the Chicago area, and he later retired from this company. He and Barbara retired to Bloomington, Indiana in 2013 until they moved back to Madison in April 2019 purchasing their historic home on Main Street. Tom served in many capacities in his lifetime and career. Some of those included flying with the Thunderbirds, serving on the board of directors and past president of the Tom Russell Charitable Foundation in Chicago for forty years, which led him to help support the Jefferson County Youth Shelter and Special Olympics as well as many other organizations and charities. He had a green thumb and a great love for gardening, a lover of music, an avid golfer, playing at Pebble Beach and many other awesome courses, as well as watching his beloved Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears. He traveled every year as long as his health permitted to Arizona to watch the Cubs at Spring Training with his lifelong friends. He dearly loved being a grandfather, and he took the title of Papa with great passion. Tom will be remembered for his devotion to his wife, his children, his career and leaving this world better than he found it. Tom gained his heavenly wings on Monday, December 25, 2023, at 4:30 a.m. at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, Indiana.

Tom will be missed by his loving wife of 59 years, Barbara J. Beldon Hearn of Madison, IN; his loving son, Thomas Patrick "Tom" Hearn and his wife, Dena of Covington, KY; his loving daughters, Kelly McInturff of Mount Carroll, IL; Tracy Kane and her husband, Jon of Cincinnati, OH; his beloved grandchildren, Nell, Aaron, Micahel, Tara, Alex, Jillian, Morgan & Madeline; his adoring great granddaughter, Emberly Grace; his sister, Sherrie Bouldin of Fishers, IN; and other relatives and numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur F. Hearn, his mother, Ruth Wonnell Hearn, and his son, Dennis Michael Hearn.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Doug Walker at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 West Main Street in downtown Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Saturday from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Jefferson County Youth Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Opal M. (Ketenbrink) Coates

Opal M. (Ketenbrink) Coates, age 89, of Vevay, Indiana, entered this life on May 31, 1934 at home in Bear Branch, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late William F. and Dorothy Marie (Dickason) Ketenbrink. Opal passed away with her loving family by her side and went to be with Jesus on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at her residence in Vevay, Indiana.

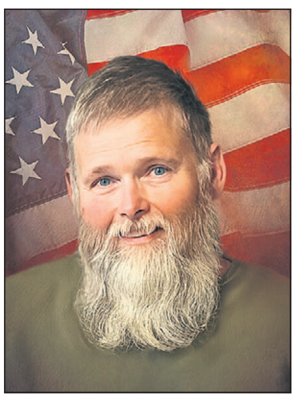
Opal will be lovingly remembered by her sons, Robert "Bob" Coates and his wife, Rita of Seymour, IN, and Bill Coates and his wife, Cecile of Columbus, IN; her daughters, Debbie Reagan and her husband, Doug of Vevay, IN and Carol Smith and her husband, Keith of Vevay, IN; her son in law, Randy Turner of Vevay, IN; her grandchildren, Robin (Robert) Howell, Amy (Kyle) Stephens, Katie (Brian) Dill, Kristin Campbell, Kyle (Holly) Coates, Cecilia Hiatt, Anthony "Tony" Ogawa, Mike Scott, Melissa (Randy) McGladrie, Paul (Jil) Reagan, Josh (Laura) Reagan, Justin (Chelsea) Reagan, Hayley South, Mishayla South, Austin South, Zayne Smith and Elijah Smith; her great-grandchildren, Landen, Devin, Caden, Delanie, Bryson, ~~{span}~~ Ellie, Harper, Connor, Nolan, ~~{/span}~~Sophie, Max, Grady, Cooper, Colton, Blake, Lauren, Brady, Tanner, Kyle, Ryan, Hannah, Kyler, Camden, Kade, Madi, Easton and Noah; her great-great-grandchildren, Eli, Colton and Jayde; her sister, Helen Levell of Vevay, IN; her brother, Earl (Sharon) Ketenbrink of Rising Sun, IN; her sister-in-law, Donna Ketenbrink of Bear Branch, IN and her several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William F. and Dorothy Marie (Dickason) Ketenbrink; her husband, Robert C. "Bob" Coates, died March 24, 2001; her daughter, Donna Marie Turner; her brothers, Paul and Roy Ketenbrink and her sister, Vera Cutter.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, December 28, 2023, by Pastor Mike Sawalich, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, Indiana. Interment followed in the Vevay Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Spina Bifida Association or American Diabetes Association. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Billy J. Skirvin



Billy J. Skirvin, age 58, of Lexington, Indiana entered this life on March 16, 1965 in Madison, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Clydia B. "Mouse", Jr. and Glenna June Owen Skirvin. He resided all of his life in Jefferson County and graduated in 1984 from Southwestern High School where he participated in Baseball and Wrestling. He had also played Football for Madison Consolidated High School. He was inducted into the United States Navy and rose to the rate of Boatswain Mate. He was honorably discharged and returned home. On April 16, 1994 Billy was united in marriage to Tina D. Plessinger in Hanover, Indiana. This happy union of 29 years was blessed with a son, Christopher and a daughter, Kendrah. Billy was an over the road truck driver and heavy equipment operator and truck driver for Sedam Contracting in Hanover. He had also been a manager at Papa Johns and worked as a limo driver for Belterra Casino and Resort. For a time he worked with his brother at Skirvin Insurance in Hanover as an insurance agent and as a phlebotomist for King's Daughters' Hospital. He attended the New Heart Church of God in Madison, Indiana. Billy had been a member of the Eagles Lodge and the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. He enjoyed his grandchildren, socializing with family and friends, music, fishing, target practicing and was a great wheeler/dealer. Billy will be remembered for his devotion to his family. Billy died on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 8:40 a.m. at the Baptist Health-Floyd in New Albany, Indiana.

Billy will be missed by his loving wife of 29 years, Tina D. Plessinger Skirvin of Lexington, IN; his loving son, Christopher Skirvin of Lexington, IN; his loving daughter, Kendrah Johnson and her husband, Jeffery of Austin, IN; his adoring grandsons, Ian Johnson and Levi Johnson; his loving brother, Richard Lee "Rich" Skirvin and his wife, Angela of Madison, IN; his aunts and uncles, Wanda Jackson, Nancy Simmons, Marilyn Owen, Melvin and Debbie Randall; his sister in law, Sheila Rudd and her husband, Gary of Hanover, IN; his nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Clydia B. "Mouse" Skirvin, Jr.; his mother, Glenna June Owen Skirvin, and his brother, Royland L. "Tom" Skirvin.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 29, 2023, at 1 p.m., by Bro. George Severn at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Carmel Cemetery in Hanover, Indiana.

Friends may visit Thursday, December 28, 2023 from 4 — 7 p.m. and Friday, December 29, 2023 from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter or Wounded Warriors or his remembrance fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Annie Kunishige Stanton

Annie Kunishige Stanton , age 91, of Hanover, Indiana entered this life on October 5, 1932 in Lahania, Maui Hawaii. ~~{span}~~She was raised in Hawaii and attended the University of Hawaii for one year. She moved to Indiana in 1952 and attended Ball State for three years. While in Indiana she met her future husband and was united in marriage to Charles Philip "Phil" Stanton on August 11, 1954 in Madison, Indiana. This happy union of 69 years was blessed with three daughters: Elizabeth, Susan, and Jackie. Her working career was as a librarian with the Madison Consolidated School System for many years. She later was employed with Margie's Country Store in downtown Madison where she used her talents in sewing to be a help to customers. She was a loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Liberty Christian Church in Madison for 40 years and after moving to Hanover she became a member at the Kent Christian Church. After becoming involved in the Kent Christian Church she helped to set up the library there for the Kent Christian School. Annie had many talents including quilting, sewing, painting and gardening. For a time she raised Monarch Butterflies and always had a fascination with them. ~~{/span}~~ Annie died on Monday, December 25, 2023, at 9:56 a.m. at her home in Hanover, Indiana with her loving family at her side.

Annie will be missed by her loving husband of 69 years, Charles Philip "Phil" Stanton of Hanover, IN; her loving daughters, Elizabeth Sefton and her husband, Greg of Wellborn, FL, Susan Sprouls and her husband, John of Sellersburg, IN, Jackie Rodgers and her husband, Mike of Lawerenceburg, KY; her grandchildren, Will Sprouls, Reagan Sprouls, Sean Rodgers, Seth Rodgers, and Steele Rodgers; her sister, Mae Gilliland of OR; her brother, Tommy Kunishigi of HI; her brother in law, Robert D. Stanton of WA; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tokuichi Kunishige and Toshiko Kondo Kunishige; her sister, Jessie Hasimoto, and her sisters in law, Carol Stanton and Olive Stanton Crozier and her husband, Gayle.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 1 p.m., by Bro. Brian Schulz at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit on Saturday, December 30, 2023 from 11 a.m. until time of the service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the the Kent Christian Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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and for sharing
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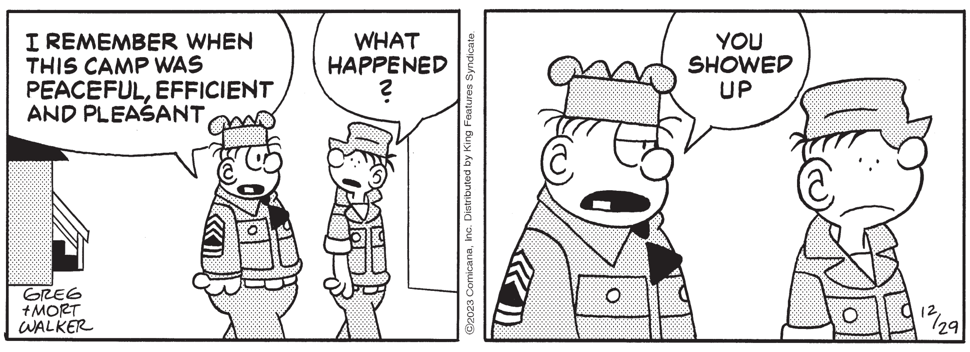
I REMEMBER WHEN THIS CAMP WAS PEACEFUL, EFFICIENT AND PLEASANT
WHAT HAPPENED ?
YOU SHOWED UP
GREG + MORT WALKER
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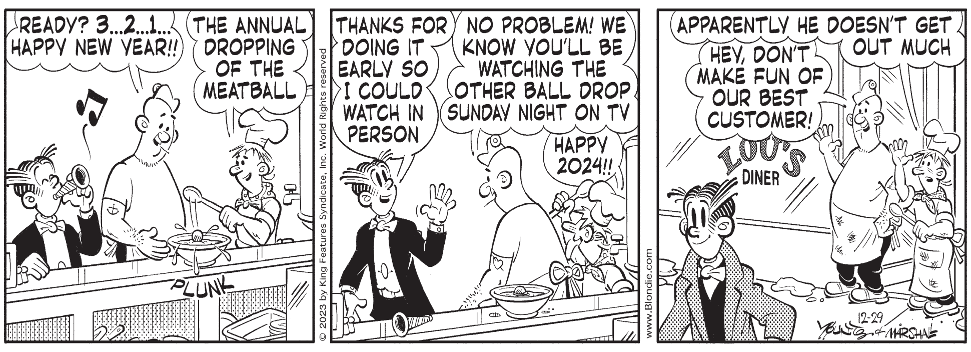
READY? 3...2...1... HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
THE ANNUAL DROPPING OF THE MEATBALL
PLUNK
THANKS FOR DOING IT EARLY SO I COULD WATCH IN PERSON
NO PROBLEM! WE KNOW YOU'LL BE WATCHING THE OTHER BALL DROP SUNDAY NIGHT ON TV
HAPPY 2024!!
APPARENTLY HE DOESN'T GET OUT MUCH
HEY, DON'T MAKE FUN OF OUR BEST CUSTOMER!
LOU'S DINER
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YOUNG & MARSHALL

FAMILY CIRCUS

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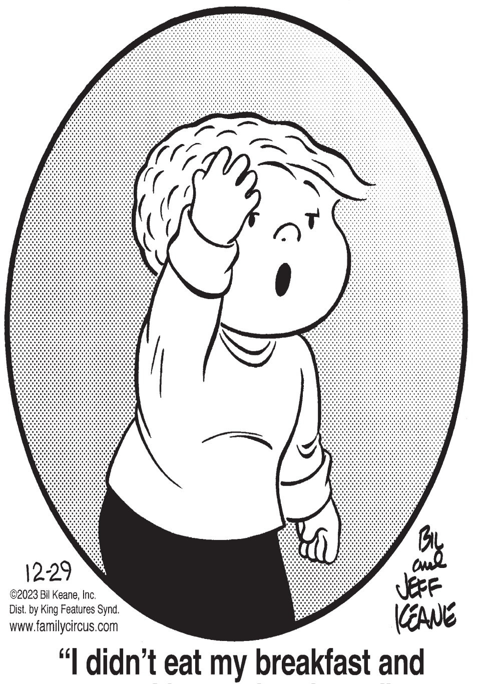
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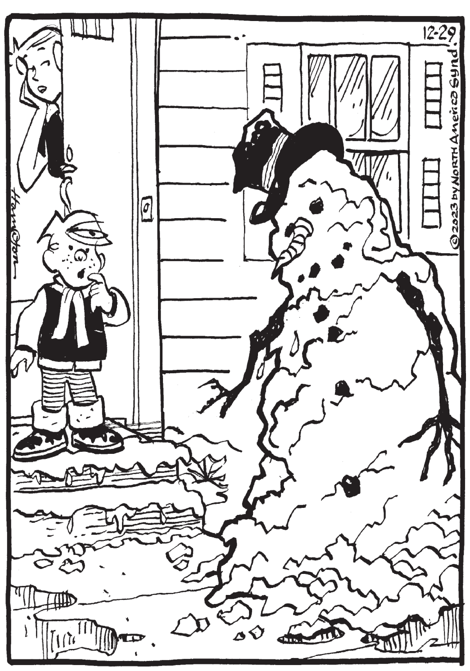
BIL and JEFF KEANE

"I didn't eat my breakfast and now I have a head-egg."

DENNIS THE MENACE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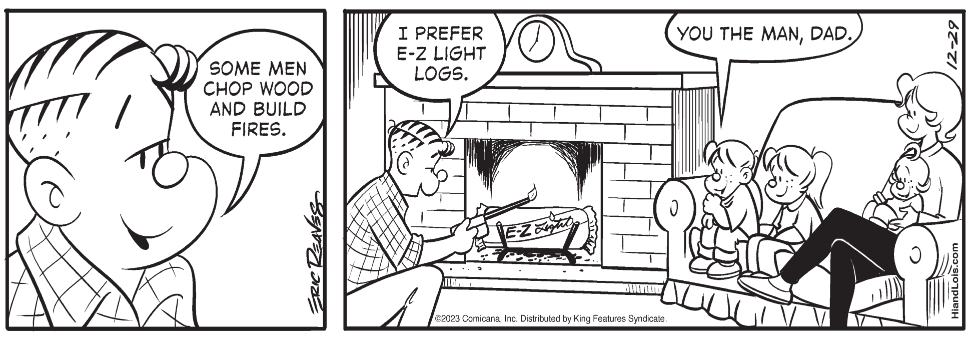
"UH-OH...I THINK I'LL HAVTA TRY TO RESURRECT MY SNOWMAN!"

HI & LOIS


SOME MEN CHOP WOOD AND BUILD FIRES.
ERIC REAVES
I PREFER E-Z LIGHT LOGS.
E-Z Light
YOU THE MAN, DAD.
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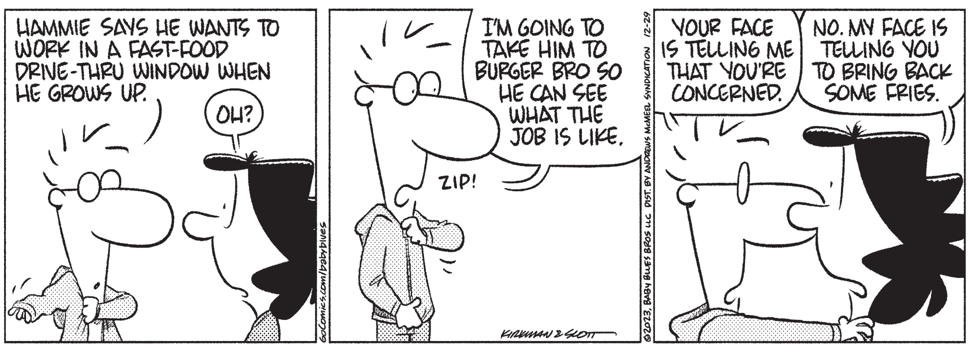
HAMMIE SAYS HE WANTS TO WORK IN A FAST-FOOD DRIVE-THRU WINDOW WHEN HE GROWS UP.
OH?
I'M GOING TO TAKE HIM TO BURGER BRO SO HE CAN SEE WHAT THE JOB IS LIKE.
ZIP!
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KIRKMAN & SCOTT
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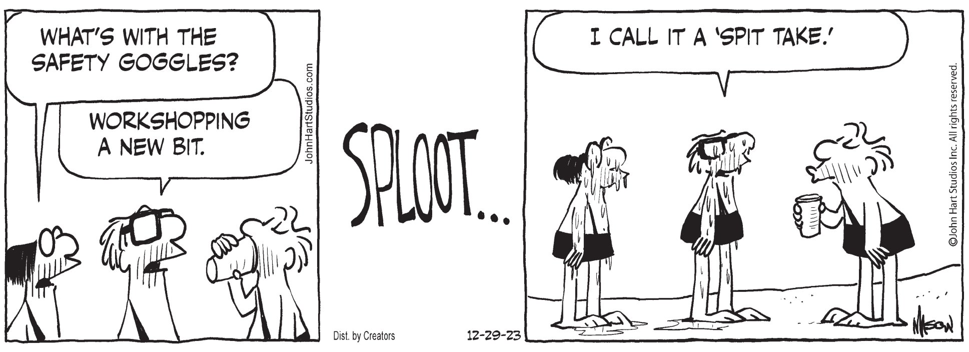
YOUR FACE IS TELLING ME THAT YOU'RE CONCERNED.
NO. MY FACE IS TELLING YOU TO BRING BACK SOME FRIES.

BC


WHAT'S WITH THE SAFETY GOGGLES?
WORKSHOPPING A NEW BIT.
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I CALL IT A 'SPIT TAKE.'
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MASON

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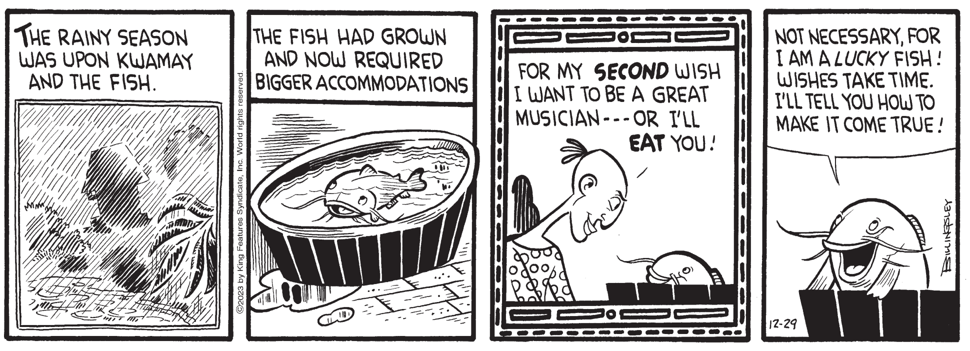
THE RAINY SEASON WAS UPON KWAMAY AND THE FISH.
THE FISH HAD GROWN AND NOW REQUIRED BIGGER ACCOMMODATIONS
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FOR MY SECOND WISH I WANT TO BE A GREAT MUSICIAN---OR I'LL EAT YOU!
NOT NECESSARY, FOR I AM A LUCKY FISH! WISHES TAKE TIME. I'LL TELL YOU HOW TO MAKE IT COME TRUE!
BILLINGSLEY
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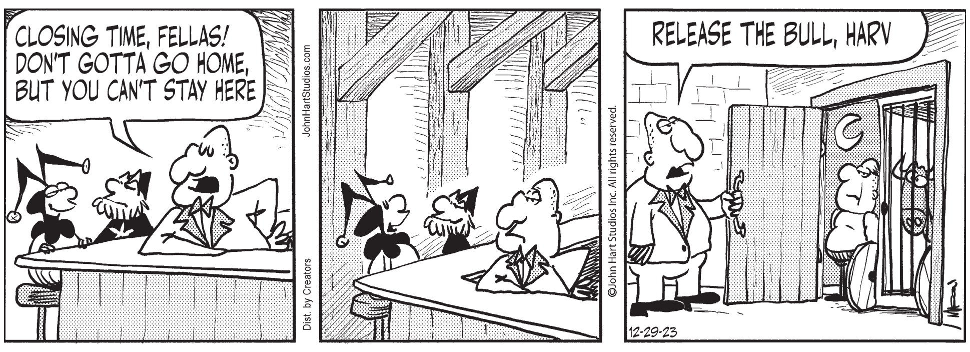
CLOSING TIME, FELLAS! DON'T GOTTA GO HOME, BUT YOU CAN'T STAY HERE
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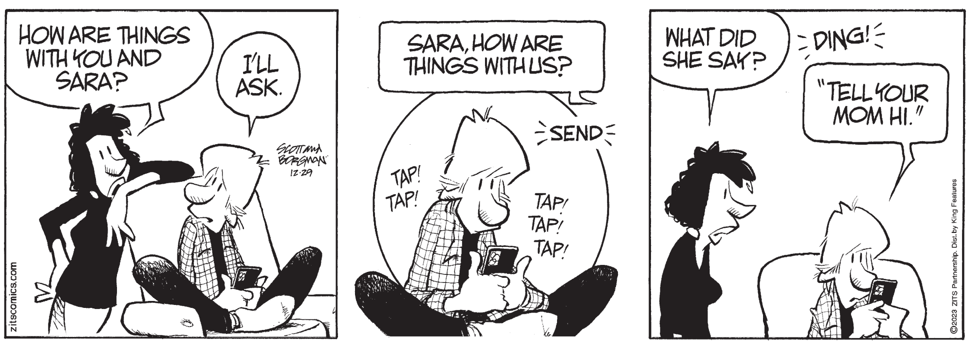
HOW ARE THINGS WITH YOU AND SARA?
I'LL ASK.
SCOTT AND BORGMAN 12-29
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SARA, HOW ARE THINGS WITH US?
SEND
TAP! TAP!
TAP! TAP! TAP!
WHAT DID SHE SAY?
DING!
"TELL YOUR MOM HI."
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 29, 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

On this date:

In 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was slain in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

In 1812, the American frigate USS Constitution engaged and severely damaged the British frigate HMS Java off Brazil during the War of 1812.

In 1851, the first Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in the United States was founded in Boston.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1972, Eastern Air Lines Flight 401, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed into the Florida Everglades near Miami International Airport, killing 101 of the 176 people aboard.

In 1978, during the Gator Bowl, Ohio State coach Woody Hayes punched Clemson player Charlie Bauman, who'd intercepted an Ohio State pass. (Hayes was fired the next day.)

In 1989, dissident and playwright Vaclav Havel assumed the presidency of Czechoslovakia.

In 1992, the United States and Russia announced agreement on a nuclear arms reduction treaty.

In 2006, word reached the United States of the execution of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein (because of the time difference, it was the morning of Dec. 30 in Iraq when the hanging took place). In a statement, President George W. Bush called the execution an important milestone on Iraq's road to democracy.

In 2007, the New England Patriots ended their regular season with a remarkable 16-0 record following a 38-35 comeback victory over the New York Giants. (New England became the first NFL team since the 1972 Dolphins to win every game on the schedule.)

In 2016, the United States struck back at Russia for hacking the U.S. presidential campaign with a sweeping set of punishments targeting Russia's spy agencies and diplomats.

In 2021, British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell was convicted in New York of helping lure teenage girls to be sexually abused by the late Jeffrey Epstein; the verdict capped a monthlong trial featuring accounts of the sexual exploitation of girls as young as 14. (Maxwell would be sentenced to 20 years in prison.)

In 2022, Brazilian soccer legend Pelé, winner of a record three World Cups and standard-bearer for "the beautiful game," died at age 82.

Today's Birthdays: Retired ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 89. Actor Barbara Steele is 86. Actor Jon Voight is 85. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 77. Retired Hall of Fame Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr. is 77. Actor Ted Danson is 76. Singer-actor Yvonne Elliman is 72. The president of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach, is 70. Actor Patricia Clarkson is 64. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 64. Rock singer-musician Jim Reid (The Jesus and Mary Chain) is 62. Actor Michael Cudlitz is 59. Rock singer Dexter Holland (The Offspring) is 58. Actor-comedian Mystro Clark is 57. Actor Jason Gould is 57. News anchor Ashleigh Banfield is 56. Movie director Lilly Wachowski is 56. Actor Jennifer Ehle is 54. Actor Patrick Fischler is 54. Rock singer-musician Glen Phillips is 53. Actor Kevin Weisman is 53. Actor Jude Law is 51. Actor Maria Dizzia is 49. Actor Mekhi Phifer is 49. Actor Shawn Hatosy is 48. Actor Katherine Moennig is 46. Actor Diego Luna is 44. Actor Alison Brie is 41. Country singer Jessica Andrews is 40. Actor Iain de Caestecker is 36. Actor Jane Levy is 34. Singer-actor-dancer Ross Lynch is 28. Rock musician Danny Wagner is 25.

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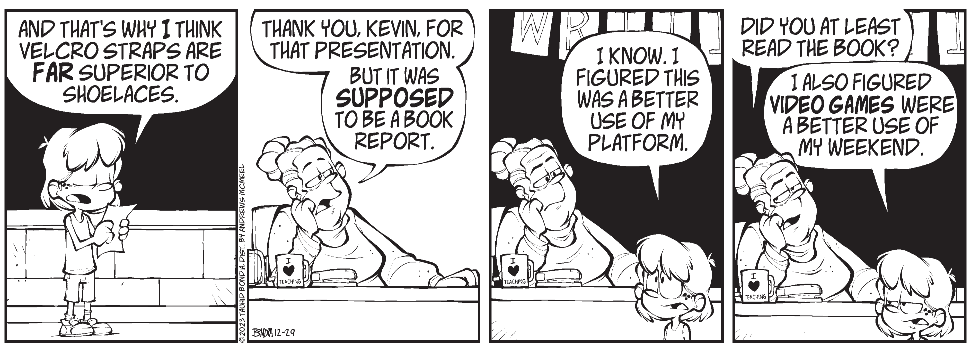
AND THAT'S WHY I THINK VELCRO STRAPS ARE FAR SUPERIOR TO SHOELACES.
THANK YOU, KEVIN, FOR THAT PRESENTATION.
BUT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A BOOK REPORT.
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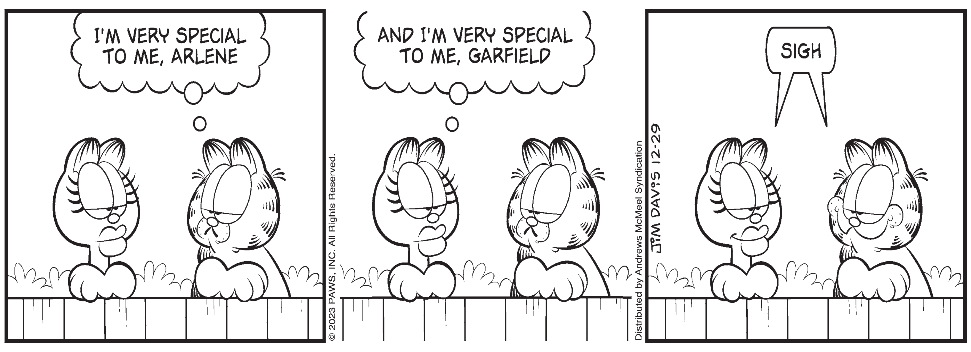
BONDIA 12-29
I KNOW. I FIGURED THIS WAS A BETTER USE OF MY PLATFORM.
DID YOU AT LEAST READ THE BOOK?
I ALSO FIGURED VIDEO GAMES WERE A BETTER USE OF MY WEEKEND.

GARFIELD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AND I'M VERY SPECIAL TO ME, GARFIELD
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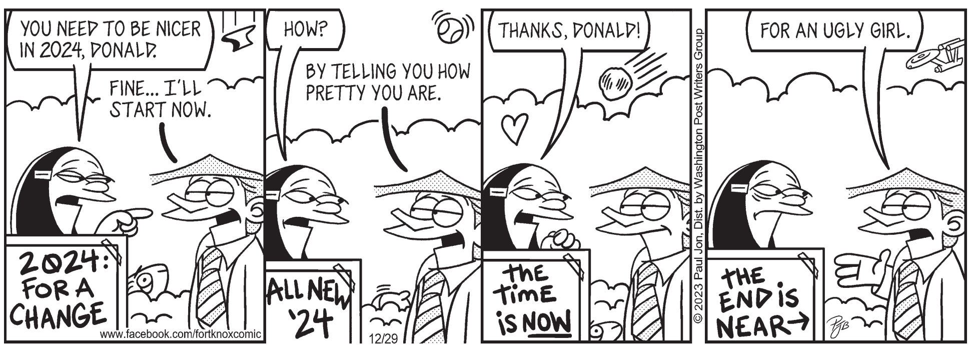
FORT KNOX


YOU NEED TO BE NICER IN 2024, DONALD.
FINE... I'LL START NOW.
2024: FOR A CHANGE
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HOW?
BY TELLING YOU HOW PRETTY YOU ARE.
ALL NEW '24
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THANKS, DONALD!
THE TIME IS NOW
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FOR AN UGLY GIRL.
THE END IS NEAR→
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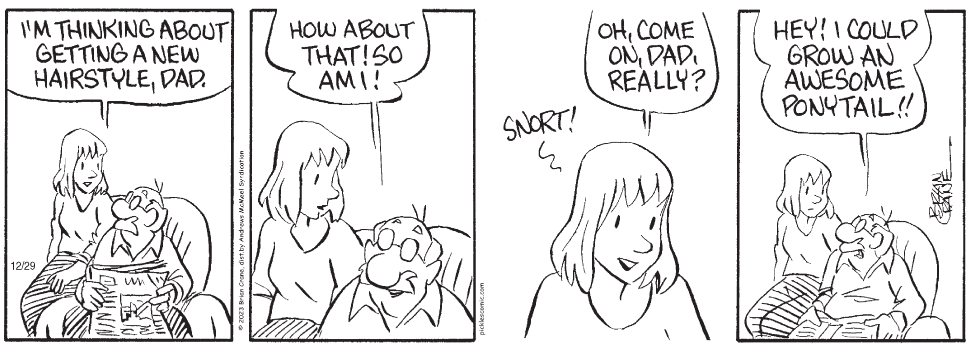
PICKLES


I'M THINKING ABOUT GETTING A NEW HAIRSTYLE, DAD.
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HOW ABOUT THAT! SO AM I!
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SNORT!
OH, COME ON, DAD, REALLY?
HEY! I COULD GROW AN AWESOME PONYTAIL!!
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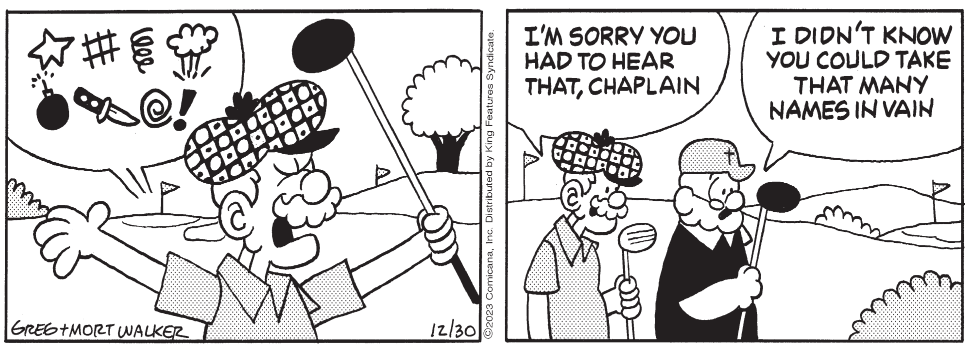
BEETLE BAILEY


GREG+MORT WALKER
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I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO HEAR THAT, CHAPLAIN
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD TAKE THAT MANY NAMES IN VAIN

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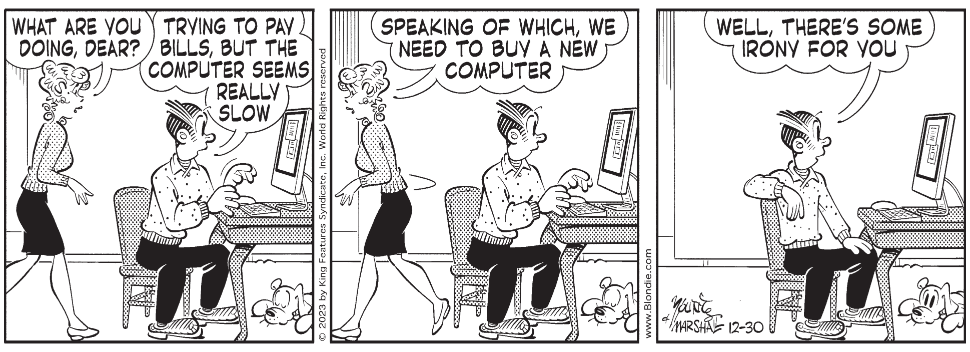
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DEAR?
TRYING TO PAY BILLS, BUT THE COMPUTER SEEMS REALLY SLOW
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SPEAKING OF WHICH, WE NEED TO BUY A NEW COMPUTER
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WELL, THERE'S SOME IRONY FOR YOU
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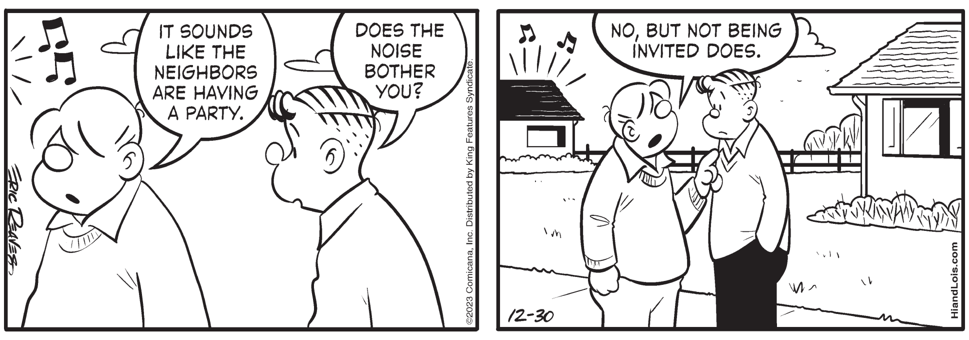
HI & LOIS


IT SOUNDS LIKE THE NEIGHBORS ARE HAVING A PARTY.
DOES THE NOISE BOTHER YOU?
ERIC REAVES
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NO, BUT NOT BEING INVITED DOES.
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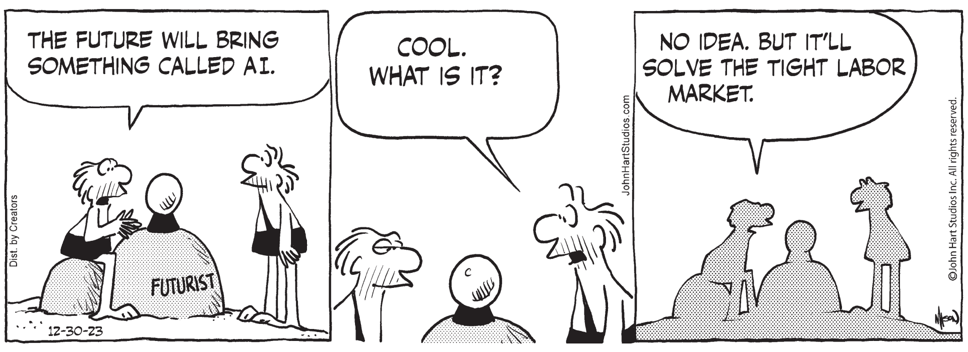
THE FUTURE WILL BRING SOMETHING CALLED AI.
FUTURIST
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COOL. WHAT IS IT?
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NO IDEA. BUT IT'LL SOLVE THE TIGHT LABOR MARKET.
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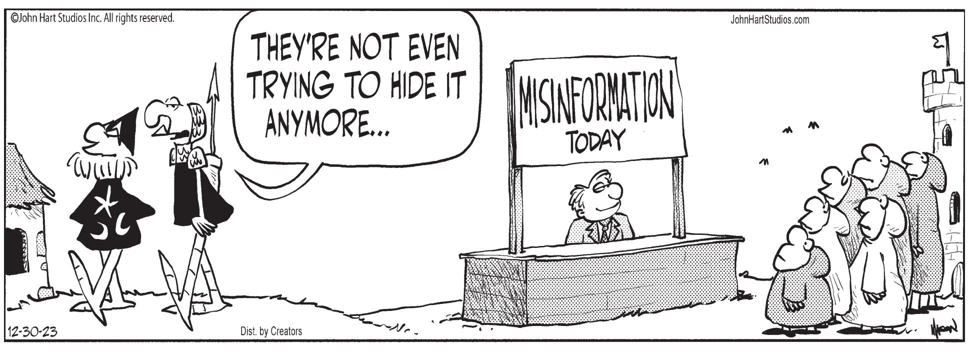
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THEY'RE NOT EVEN TRYING TO HIDE IT ANYMORE...
MISINFORMATION TODAY
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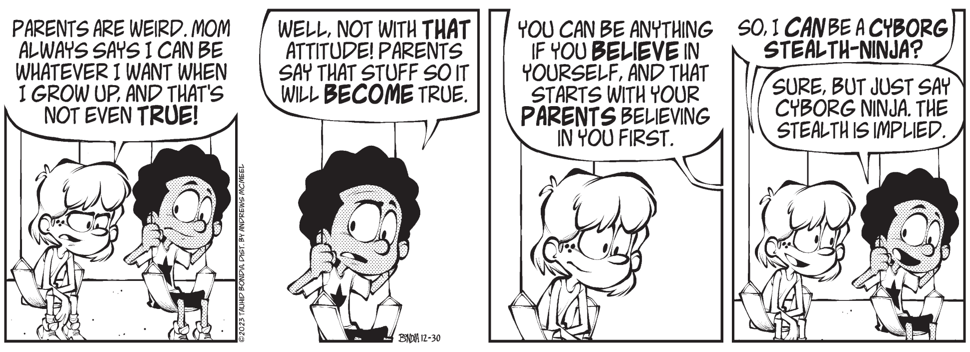
PARENTS ARE WEIRD. MOM ALWAYS SAYS I CAN BE WHATEVER I WANT WHEN I GROW UP, AND THAT'S NOT EVEN TRUE!
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WELL, NOT WITH THAT ATTITUDE! PARENTS SAY THAT STUFF SO IT WILL BECOME TRUE.
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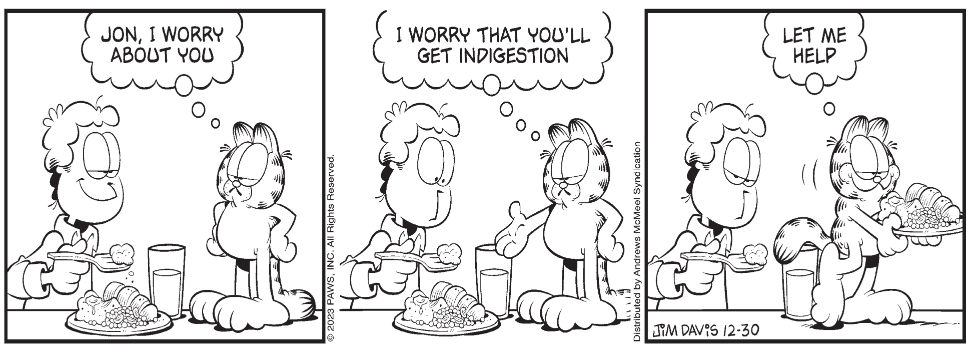
YOU CAN BE ANYTHING IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, AND THAT STARTS WITH YOUR PARENTS BELIEVING IN YOU FIRST.
SO, I CAN BE A CYBORG STEALTH-NINJA?
SURE, BUT JUST SAY CYBORG NINJA. THE STEALTH IS IMPLIED.

GARFIELD


JON, I WORRY ABOUT YOU
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I WORRY THAT YOU'LL GET INDIGESTION
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LET ME HELP
JIM DAVIS 12-30

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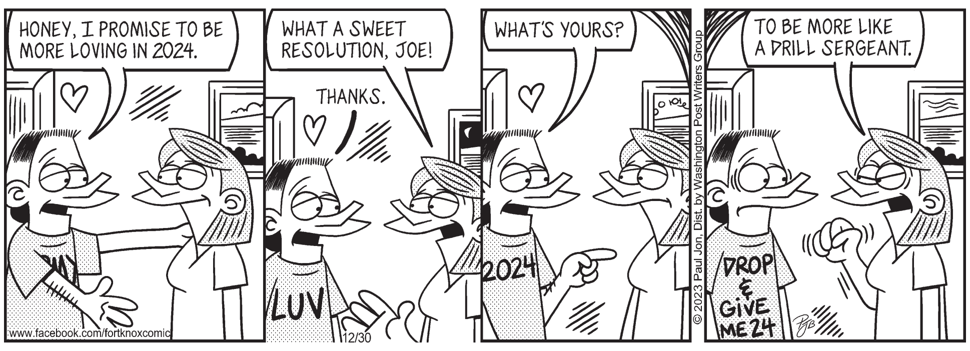
HONEY, I PROMISE TO BE MORE LOVING IN 2024.
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WHAT A SWEET RESOLUTION, JOE!
THANKS.
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WHAT'S YOURS?
2024
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TO BE MORE LIKE A DRILL SERGEANT.
DROP & GIVE ME 24

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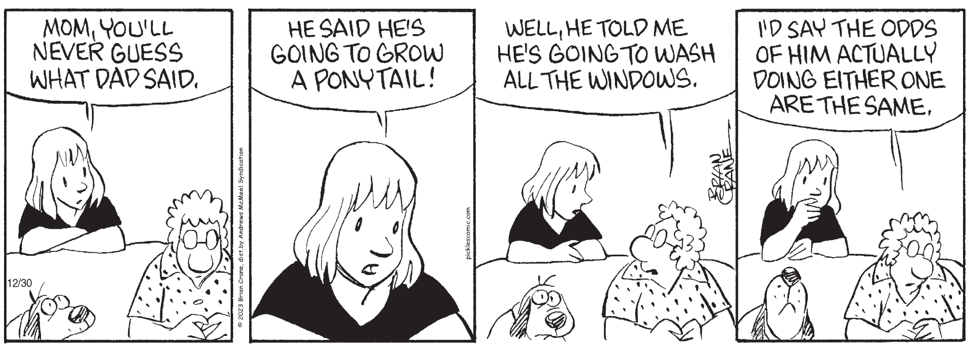
MOM, YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT DAD SAID.
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HE SAID HE'S GOING TO GROW A PONYTAIL!
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WELL, HE TOLD ME HE'S GOING TO WASH ALL THE WINDOWS.
BRIAN CRANE
I'D SAY THE ODDS OF HIM ACTUALLY DOING EITHER ONE ARE THE SAME.

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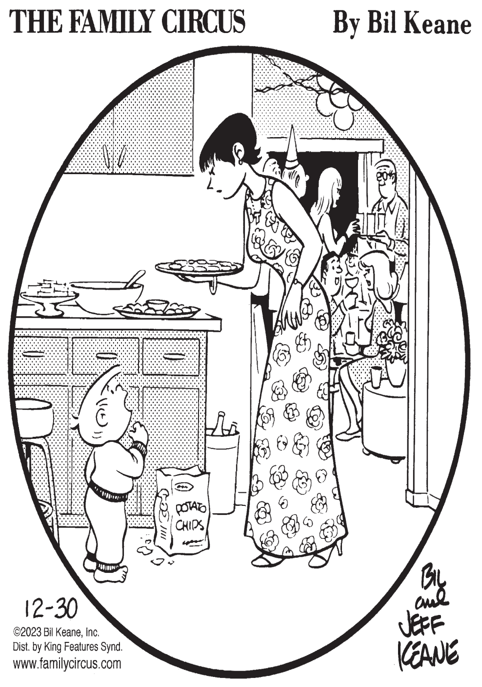
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POTATO CHIPS
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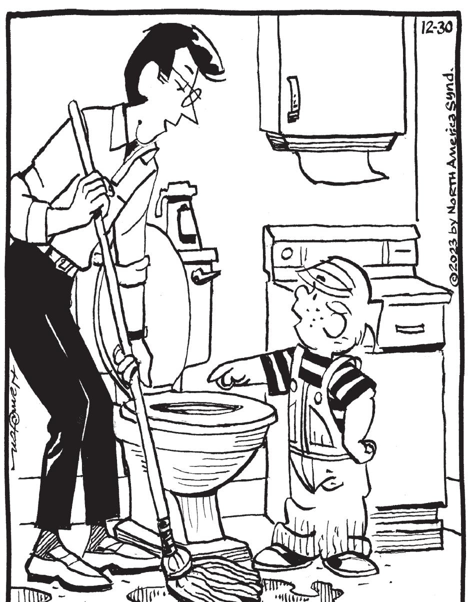
"I CAN'T go to bed. Mr. Yost is sleeping in it."

DENNIS THE MENACE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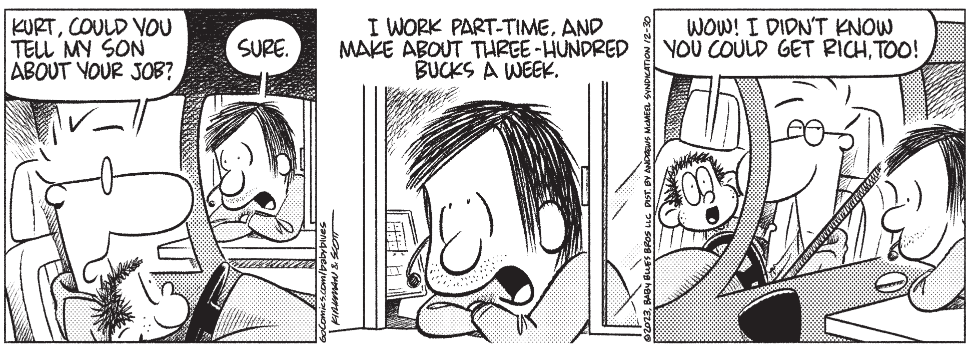
"WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS WATER?" "MY SUBMARINE SANK DOWN, BUT IT WON'T COME BACK UP!"

BABY BLUES


KURT, COULD YOU TELL MY SON ABOUT YOUR JOB?
SURE.
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KIRKMAN & SCOTT
I WORK PART-TIME, AND MAKE ABOUT THREE-HUNDRED BUCKS A WEEK.
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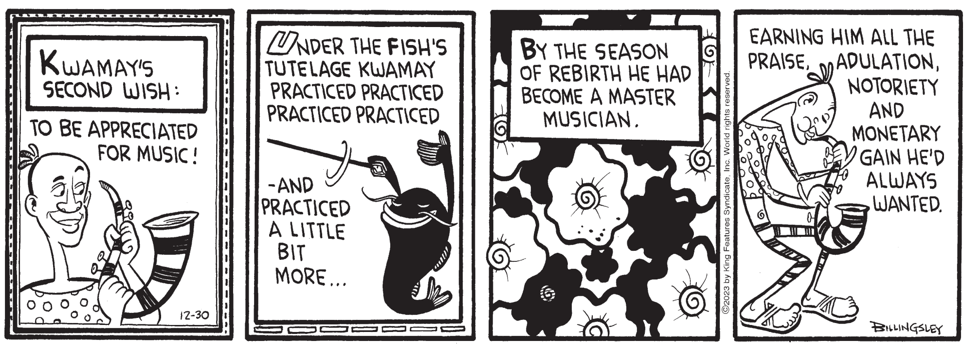
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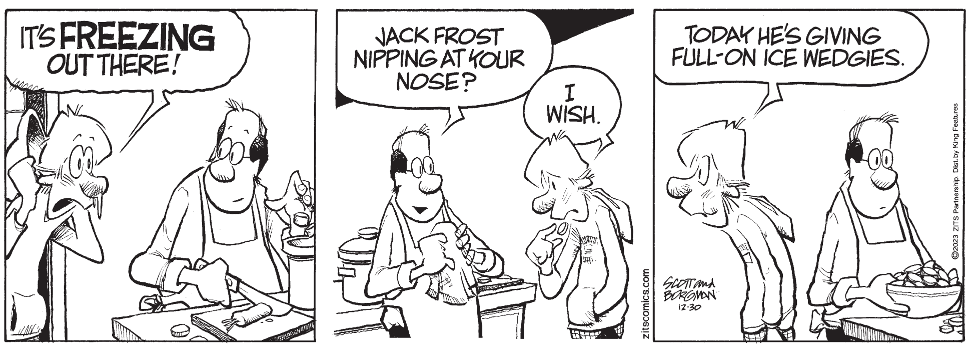
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 30, 1922, Vladimir Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which lasted nearly seven decades before dissolving in December 1991.

On this date:

In 1813, British troops burned Buffalo, New York, during the War of 1812.

In 1853, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for $10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

In 1860, 10 days after South Carolina seceded from the Union, the state militia seized the United States Arsenal in Charleston.

In 1903, about 600 people died when fire broke out at the recently opened Iroquois Theater in Chicago.

In 1954, Olympic gold medal runner Malvin G. Whitfield became the first Black recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award for amateur athletes.

In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees. (John C. Salvi III was later convicted of murder; he died in prison, an apparent suicide.)

In 2004, a fire broke out during a rock concert at a nightclub in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 194 people.

In 2006, a state funeral service was held in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda for former President Gerald R. Ford.

In 2009, seven CIA employees and a Jordanian intelligence officer were killed by a suicide bomber at a U.S. base in Khost, Afghanistan.

In 2012, recalling that the shooting rampage that killed 20 first graders in Connecticut as the worst day of his presidency, President Barack Obama pledged on NBC's "Meet the Press" to put his "full weight" behind legislation aimed at preventing gun violence.

In 2015, Bill Cosby was charged with drugging and sexually assaulting a woman at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. (Cosby's first trial ended in a mistrial after jurors deadlocked; he was convicted on three charges at his retrial in April 2018 and was sentenced to three to 10 years in prison, but the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned the conviction in June 2021 and Cosby went free.)

In 2020, Dawn Wells, who played the wholesome Mary Ann on the 1960s sitcom "Gilligan's Island," died in Los Angeles at age 82 from causes related to COVID-19.

In 2021, a wildfire driven by wind gusts up to 105 mph swept through towns northwest of Denver, destroying hundreds of homes and forcing tens of thousands of people to flee.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Russ Tamblyn is 89. Baseball Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax is 88. Folk singer Noel Paul Stookey is 86. TV director James Burrows is 83. Actor Concetta Tomei is 78. Singer Patti Smith is 77. Rock singer-musician Jeff Lynne is 76. TV personality Meredith Vieira is 70. Actor Sheryl Lee Ralph is 68. Actor Patricia Kalember is 67. Country singer Suzy Bogguss is 67. Actor-comedian Tracey Ullman is 64. Radio-TV commentator Sean Hannity is 62. Sprinter Ben Johnson is 62. Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is 60. Actor George Newbern is 60. Movie director Bennett Miller is 57. Singer Jay Kay (Jamiroquai) is 54. Rock musician Byron McMackin (Pennywise) is 54. Actor Meredith Monroe is 54. Actor Daniel Sunjata is 52. Actor Maureen Flannigan is 51. Actor Jason Behr is 50. Golfer Tiger Woods is 48. TV personality-boxer Laila Ali is 46. Actor Lucy Punch is 46. Singer-actor Tyrese Gibson is 45. Actor Eliza Dushku is 43. Rock musician Tim Lopez (Plain White T's) is 43. Actor Kristin Kreuk is 41. Folk-rock singer-musician Wesley Schultz (The Lumineers) is 41. NBA star LeBron James is 39. R&B singer Andra Day is 39. Actor Anna Wood is 38. Pop-rock singer Ellie Goulding is 37. Actor Caity Lotz is 37. Actor Jeff Ward is 37. Country musician Eric Steedly is 33. Pop-rock musician Jamie Follesé (Hot Chelle Rae) is 32.

NEWS OF RECORD

Jefferson Country Jail

LODGINGS

December 24, 2023

- Christopher Gibson, 23, Florence, Kentucky, for Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.
- Shawn Joseph Lack Jr., 26, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond $5,000 cash.

December 26, 2023

- Nakeshia Deonna Richardson, 37, Lexington, Indiana, to serve 86 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

December 27, 2023

- Suzanna Leigh Babiarz-Humes, 34, Madison, on two Jefferson County arrest warrants. Bond $5,000 cash.
- Kayla Ann Luellen, 31, Madison, to serve 36 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.
- Angelic Justine Martin, 30, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond $5,000 cash.
- Dalton Keith Skirvin, 26, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated and Reckless Driving, both Class A misdemeanors; and Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.
- Eric Tanner Terrell, 33, Austin, Indiana, on two Jefferson County arrest warrants. Bond $5,000 cash.

Real Estate Transfer

JEFFERSON COUNTY

December 21, 2023

- Mary Kay Butler To Butler Professional Collective LLC, 505 Cragmont Street, Madison.
- Melissa Leora Vincent and Melissa L. Smith to Ashley M. Creech, 217 November Street, Hanover.
- Della M. Callis to Mark Prickett, 721 Walnut Street, Madison.
- Ameliorate LLC to Angela Davis, 2156 North K Road, Madison.

December 26, 2023

- Barbara J. Lucas and John Lucas (deceased) to Barbara J. Lucas, approximately 14.7 acres at 42 J. Lucas Road, Madison.

PARKS

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"Absolutely, it is not a competition" Garrett interjected, as Kroger continued. "It's working together" with Madison, she added, "We're looking at the future of the town of Hanover also," and the need to not just have strong parks in Hanover, but also building upon all other aspects of the town.

Sommer said he doesn't anticipate Hanover Parks program to continue the growth that there's been the last two years. "I'm pretty confident the numbers weren't going to be what they were this coming year anyway" in Hanover because of the work that's being done in the Madison Parks Department, and he doesn't anticipate "as much of an overflow" of Madison residents coming to utilize Hanover Parks programs.

However, Garrett cited the investment that has been made in the last three years at Hanover Community Park — including a $574,412 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and a $332,588 grant from the Bethany Legacy Foundation — as reasons to support the program and maintain management. "To see us spend $1 million on this park program, and have everything go downhill, that's what's going to happen. I'm warning you, I've been in athletics all my life. I'm telling you that's what's going to happen."

The job description for the League Director, which replaces the Parks Director, specifies qualifications that include possessing a "thorough knowledge of sports or activity" and having "knowledge of specific sports rules and regulations and know how to apply them according to game play." Some of the responsibilities include developing weekly practice plans and coaching all team practices, leadership to staff and volunteer coaches, complete site supervisor duties, assist in problem solving with participant conflicts, administer basic first aid and submit accident report forms, and recruiting sponsorships and volunteer coaches.

The job description for the Parks Coordinator, which replaces the Community Programs and Engagement Coordinator, specifies qualifications that includes a flexible schedule to work evenings and weekends along with attention to detail, driver's license and computer skills. Some of the responsibilities include planning events, supervision and managing events, responding to problems or challenges in an effective positive manner, working with the senior group on its planned events, recruiting sponsorships and being responsible for rental of the community center.

In other business, the council:

- Swore in Alex Adams as a reserve deputy marshal for the town of Hanover. Adams also serves as a lieutenant at the Jefferson County Jail and is pursuing a career in law enforcement. "This is a great stepping stone in that direction," he said.
- Town marshal Shane Caldwell presented the end of year police statistics that included 3,411 calls for service, more than 210 arrests and 2,011 total traffic stops. That's an increase of over 1,000 more calls, over 50 more arrests and over 1,000 more traffic stops.

"We look forward to continuing our hard work in serving and protecting the community," said Caldwell. "We appreciate everyone's support this year and ask that you continue to support us in 2024."

- Appointed a stormwater advisory committee that includes Buxton and Shelton, Scott Williams, superintendent of Streets and Utilities; Devon Sharpe, town attorney; Lawrence Hatton, town utility maintenance; and Linda Trapp, second deputy clerk.
- Hired Sharpe to return as the town attorney for 2024.
- Approved two payments to Mac Construction on the town's sewer project with Hanover College — one of $261,781 and the other $317,141 — as part of the town's $6,483,000 sewage project with Hanover College in which a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan was received. Additionally, $69,082 was approved for Wessler Engineering as part of remaining funds from the sewage project going towards resolving stormwater issues.
- Approved a new three-year lease agreement with New Hope Services, which manages the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program that uses space at the Hanover Community Building. The new lease establishes monthly rent at $2,500 per month beginning Jan. 1, 2024, and expiring Jan. 31, 2027.

NOTICES

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will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Hanover United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Matthew F. "Matt" Gandolfo, 87, of Florence, KY, and formerly of Carrollton, KY, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at the Villa Springs of Erlanger in Erlanger, KY. A Memorial Mass honoring Matt's life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Carl Lewis Glesing Jr., 79, of Madison, IN, died Monday, Dec. 25, 2023, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Ronald Lee Jones, 71, of Columbus, IN, and formerly of Bedford, KY, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at Columbus Regional Hospital in Columbus. Arrangements will be announced by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

David Scott Kemper, 72, of Carrollton, KY, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, in Carrollton. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Family Worship Center in Carrollton with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Mae Hall Peniston, 87, of New Castle, KY, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, at Prewitt New Castle Funeral Home in New Castle, www.prewitts.com.

Virginia Ellen "Jenny" Seabolt Snell, 74, of Hanover, IN, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023, at Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

ELAM

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"The open mic gig offers a lot of opportunities to collaborate with different folks. Sometimes it's just a few of us, but I've had nights where it was me, Leah Pruett, Miss Wolf, Stan Attenberger, Danny Cooke and Rudy Olivarri on drums, all of us up there at once jamming and just enjoying the musical camaraderie. Anything can happen when you open it up and go with the flow.

"Some nights it's mostly me up there playing, and I try to keep it lively and get people up and dancing. I'll play Bob Seeger and Lynyrd Skynyrd, throw in some classic country now and then. Plus you always have to have some blues in your hip pocket, Madison has a lot of blues fans.

"But I guess, in the back of my mind, what I'd really like to work towards is playing more of my original music. I have 30 of my own tunes up on Reverbnation right now, under the name 'F.E. Project.' Back before the pandemic, I put a band together and we put on a concert at Harmony Park in Seymour and did 23 of my songs.

"I'm thinking I should work toward something like that again, round up some players and form a band, and do some opening acts, maybe at someplace like Red Bicycle Hall in Madison. I guess I'm making a kind of unofficial New Year's resolution right now. That's my goal for the new year. So keep an eye out for the Fred Elam band, I'm coming your way someday soon!"

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

The music calendar looks a little thin this weekend (except for Rivertown Grill, who we can always count on to carry the torch!) But odds are there will be live music at many more places than listed, the venue owners just didn't get to us this week, being busy with the holidays and all. So get out there, walk around the downtown music district, and see what you can find! Just a quick word about Rivertown Grill, if you've never been. It's a no smoking establishment, there is never a cover charge, and the cozy bar area is attached to a nice sit down restaurant. So give it a try if you haven't been there yet. The Bon D/C show on Friday will be especially fun for fans of AC/DC … they play ALL the great bands songs.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

THIS WEEK IN MUSIC

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

- **Rivertown Grill:** Bon D/C

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

- **Rivertown Grill:** The Mood
- **Thomas Family Winery:** Jimmy, Billy & Friends

NEW YEARS EVE, DEC. 31

- **Clifty Inn:** Rusty Bladen
- **Cotton Mill Fairfield:**The Rumors
- **Rivertown Grill:** The Smokin' Jokers
- **VFW:** Damn Strange Band

CHIEF

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"It's very much an honor," Scudder said. "I appreciate the Mayor giving me this opportunity. I appreciate the guidance that Chief Wallace and (assistant chief) Major (Jeremey) Perkins have given me throughout the years that has led me to this opportunity."

Scudder is a Madison Consolidated Schools graduate and an Indiana Law Enforcement Academy graduate who has received training in instructor development, ICAC Undercover Chats and crime scene investigations. He has held positions on the Ivy Tech Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Community Corrections Advisory Board and Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce.

"Chief Wallace and Major Perkins have built a great police department," said Scudder. "It gives me a groundwork to start with on the things I want to develop within the department. They really have led something great and this is just an opportunity" to continue to make Madison a good place to live. "I have always been passionate about public safety and hope to continue bettering our community one day at a time."

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Integrating Health Factors into Personal Financial Planning

Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

Have you ever wondered how your health affects your financial planning? Your overall well-being plays a crucial role in your financial planning journey. When building your financial plan, there's bound to be a focus on savings, retirement income, and investments, but one crucial aspect that should always be considered is your health. This article will explore various health factors that should be integrated into your financial plan to ensure a comprehensive and well-rounded approach.

Health Budgeting and Expenses

Your financial plan should account for healthcare expenses, whether expected or unexpected. Budgeting for health insurance premiums, medications, and medical treatments is essential to reduce the financial burden of unforeseen health issues. As your health needs change over time, so should your budget. Adapting to fluctuating health expenses by adjusting your financial plan will help safeguard your savings and assets from being depleted in the face of acute health crises.

Insurability and Health Conditions

Maintaining good health plays a significant role in the insurance options available to you. Chronic illnesses or pre-existing conditions can impact your ability to secure affordable life and disability insurance coverage or even exclude you from specific policies. Obtaining life and disability insurance early in your financial planning process is thus highly recommended. Additionally, it is advisable to evaluate long-term care insurance options to protect your retirement savings in case of prolonged illnesses or incapacitation.

Estate Planning and Health Decisions

One significant aspect of personal financial planning is preparing for end-of-life care and ensuring that your assets and wealth are allocated according to your wishes. Designating powers of attorney for healthcare and finances is critical in this context. Doing so ensures that someone trustworthy manages your medical decisions and financial responsibilities if you become incapacitated. Most importantly, communicate your healthcare preferences and end-of-life wishes with your loved ones to avoid confusion and family disagreements.

Monitoring Healthcare Usage for Better Planning

Tracking your historical healthcare usage can help you better predict future costs, enabling you to adapt your financial plan accordingly. Analyzing patterns related to healthcare expenses, such as frequency and cost of medical treatments, can provide valuable insight into potential future costs. Furthermore, incorporating projections of rising healthcare costs into your financial plan ensures accurate cash flow estimates and safeguards your savings.

Maintaining Good Health for Long-Term Financial Stability

Invest in your health and wellness to minimize future medical expenses. A focus on physical fitness has been proven to correlate with reduced healthcare costs, while poor health can lead to an increased financial burden. Moreover, the connection between mental health and financial stress cannot be ignored. Managing financial stress through comprehensive planning will significantly impact overall well-being in the long run.

Leveraging Tax Benefits and Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)

Understanding tax benefits associated with healthcare spending is essential to personal financial planning. Utilize Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) to save for future health-related costs and maximize long-term savings. These accounts offer a tax-free means of saving for healthcare expenses while allowing for investment growth. Balancing HSA contributions with other financial goals is crucial to optimizing your financial plan.

Conclusion:

Incorporating health factors into your financial planning ensures a more comprehensive and realistic approach to managing your wealth.

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MADISON COURIER FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Carroll's Mumphrey still learning — but already at top of his game

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

As far as Lonnie Oldham is concerned, Parker Mumphrey is still learning. The Carroll County High School junior is still trying to fully discover what he can do on a football field.

But what Mumphrey has learned already is impressive. In just his first season as a starter at quarterback, Mumphrey accounted for more than 2,000 total offensive yards while throwing 11 touchdowns and rushing for seven more to lead Carroll County to a 6-5 record.

Imagine what he might do with a year under his belt.

"The truth is, Parker learned how to play quarterback this year. He's coming up through a system that was basically run, run, run, run and then pass maybe five or six times," Oldham said. "He wasn't the quarterback last year, he was the backup and he didn't play quarterback on JV because we couldn't afford to lose him off varsity. So this year, in my eyes, he was a freshman. The first four or five games, he was still figuring some things out."

Mumphrey more than figured it out and finished the year as The Madison Courier Football Player of the Year. Mumphrey is the second Carroll player in as many years to earn the honor, joining running back Zayn Satchwell last year.

Mumphrey has always been athletic and showcased that last year with an impressive all-around season with 560 yards on 40-for-71 passing, 453 yards rushing and 404 yards receiving in 35 catches.

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Nina Campbell

Carroll County High School junior Parker Mumphrey is the Madison Courier Football Player of the Year.

MADISON COURIER ALL-COURIER AREA FOOTBALL TEAM

Name, School	Cl.	Pos.
Parker Mumphrey, Carroll Co.	Jr.	QB
Taytem Anderson, Madison	Jr.	LB/RB
Alex Bailey, Switzerland Co.	So.	QB
Garrison Brumback, Carroll Co.	Sr.	DB
Asa Bryan, Trimble Co.	Jr.	DE
Bryson Chadwell, Carroll Co.	Jr.	DE
Dalton Crawford, Carroll Co.	Jr.	DE
Jake Dyer, Madison	Jr.	WR
Malachi Embers, Carroll Co.	Sr.	WR
Grant Grossen, Madison	Sr.	TE/DT
Zach Hemmingway, Trimble Co.	Sr.	DL
Matt McCarty, Madison	So.	QB
Dalton Mitchell, Madison	Sr.	OL
Keaton Mosley, Switzerland Co.	So.	TE
Zayn Satchwell, Carroll Co.	Sr.	RB
Johnny Scherder, Carroll Co.	Sr.	LB
James Seel, Madison	Sr.	DT
Ryan Stoner, Madison	Sr.	OL
Collin Tolliver, Trimble Co.	Sr.	LB
Cameron Wall, Madison	Sr.	LB
Brayden Wilson, Trimble Co.	Sr.	S
Matthew Young, Switzerland Co.	So.	WR

BROWNING CLASSIC

Shawe's Hunter Mote (with ball) powers her way through Harrison County defenders Madalyn Carson (20) and Baylee Hudgins during the Hilltoppers' win in the Pam Browning Classic at Carroll County on Wednesday.

Photos by David Campbell

Carroll County's Cloie McGuire (right) battles with Holmes' India Tye (24) and McKyah Covington for a rebound during the Pam Browning Classic at Carroll County on Wednesday.

Shawe, Carroll win to set up semifinal matchup

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Shawe Memorial started red hot and Carroll County pulled away late as both claimed wins on the opening day of the Pam Browning Classic at Carroll County on Wednesday.

Shawe jumped on Harrison County and led 20-7 before settling into a 57-33 rout while Carroll County pulled away from Covington Holmes in the second half to score a 57-45 win.

The victories mean the two schools were to square off in the Browning Classic semifinals on Thursday with the winner advancing to the championship game Friday night. Two other Courierarea teams — Trimble County and Switzerland County — lost opening round games and were relegated to the consolation bracket.

Shawe (4-7) has had trouble getting started during a recent four-game losing streak but showed no signs against an overwhelmed Harrison County squad. The Hilltoppers led 17-7 after the first quarter and 37-11 at halftime while cruising to the victory.

"We have really gotten back to our standard of defense over the last couple of weeks," Shawe coach Drew Kring said. "We have really been working on it a lot in practice, as well as on our fundamentals, and I thought in the first half we really rotated well, we hit our spots, and we took advantage of the situations that they presented us."

It was Allison Knoebel who did the majority of the damage for Shawe and Harrison County simply couldn't stop her. After scoring 11 points in the first quarter, the junior added 12 more in the second period for 25 of the Hilltoppers' 37 points at halftime. She finished with a career-high 34 points.

"The one thing I told her in practice yesterday is that she is shooting about 60% from three over the last two or three games. For us to win, especially with Audrey (Barron) out, she needs to step up and get into that scoring role a little bit," Kring said. "When she feels open, she needs to shoot it and I'll tell her when to stop."

In addition to her points, Knoebel also had 10 rebounds and five steals and was named player of the game. Hunter Mote had 18 points, six rebounds, five assists and five steals for the Hilltoppers and Ava Turner added 11 rebounds.

Baylee Hudgins led Harrison County with 15 points.

Carroll County's win wasn't as dominate as Shawe's but it was no less impressive. Despite some illness, the Panthers shook off Holmes for their second win of the season.

Carroll led just 10-9 after the first quarter and 24-17 at halftime and maintained that seven-point margin until the fourth when the Panthers expanded their lead into double-digits and led by as many 16 before securing the win.

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USC's Moss throws Holiday Bowl-record 6 TDs in 42-28 victory over Louisville

BY BERNIE WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — The Southern California Trojans bid farewell to the Pac-12 Conference with a six-pack to go and an eggnog bath to toast an otherwise unremarkable season.

With Caleb Williams watching from the sideline, Miller Moss threw a Holiday Bowl-record six touchdown passes in his first college start and USC ended a frustrating season by beating No. 16 Louisville 42-28 Wednesday night. Afterward, coach Lincoln Riley had a tub of eggnog poured over his head.

Williams, the 2022 Heisman Trophy winner who opted out of the game, watched from the sideline with his No. 13 jersey hanging around his neck. He ran onto the field and jumped on Moss in celebration after the redshirt sophomore twice took a knee in victory formation at Petco Park.

While Williams and several other Trojans sat out, others, like redshirt senior receiver Tahj Washington, who caught two touchdown passes, showed up to play.

"From a leadership standpoint, we had a really strong senior group that wanted to come back and play this game and I think that was really led by them," Moss said. "They set the example and it was easy for me to then fall in line behind them."

Asked if Moss secured the starting job for next year, receiver Kyron Hudson, who blocked a punt and then caught a touchdown pass shortly after, said: "What Miller did out there, it's something that's going to help us in the future, so personally, yes he did. I'm super excited for Miller. He waited his time and he's ready for it. He's the guy we need."

Moss took full advantage of the opportunity he was given when Williams, the presumptive first overall pick in the NFL draft, opted out.

Moss was 23 of 33 for 372 yards, with one interception. He broke the Holiday Bowl record of four touchdown passes held by four players, including Jim McMahon in BYU's miracle 46-45 comeback win against SMU in 1980. The record came late in the third quarter when Moss lobbed a 12-yard pass to a leaping Ja'Kobi Lane in the back of the end zone. Lane's second TD catch of the night gave USC a 35-21 lead.

Moss added on with a beautiful 44-yard strike to Duce Robinson for a 42-28 lead with 10 minutes to go.

The six TD passes were also the most by a quarterback in his first start for USC (8-5), which lost three straight games and five of six coming in after opening the year with national championship aspirations. They also were a Trojans bowl record and tied the Pac-12 bowl record.

The Trojans played their final Pac-12 football game. They are joining the Big Ten next season, along with fellow Pac-12 defectors UCLA, Oregon and Washington.

"We could have come into this game not caring about it," Riley said. "Honestly, all the years and wins and stuff, this was as fun a win as I can remember as a head coach. Just with all the changes, all the back and forth, six weeks, 20-plus guys that didn't play in this game for different reasons. ... That's a good football team that we just beat up on."

Isaac Guerendo ran 23 times for 161 yards and three touchdowns for Louisville (10-4). Jack Plummer threw for 141 yards with no touchdowns. Plummer dislocated his right pinky early in the second quarter and had it popped back in. He said it didn't affect his throwing.

Moss also threw scoring passes of 17 and 29 yards to Tahj Washington, who completed his first 1,000-yard receiving season. Hudson caught a 9-yard touchdown pass two plays after blocking Brady Hodges' punt, which went out of bounds at the Cardinals' 18.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

BASKETBALL

- Carroll Co., Shawe , Switzerland Co., Trimble Co. girls, Carroll Co. Tourney, TBA
- Southwestern girls, Toby Yoho Classic at North Daviess, TBA
- Trimble Co. boys, Chain Rock Classic at Pineville, TBA
- Hanover women vs. Mount Union at Bluffton, 12 p.m.
- Madison girls vs. Shelbyville, North Decatur Holiday Tourney, 12 p.m.
- Switzerland Co. boys host Trinity Lutheran, Switzerland Co. Tournament, 12 p.m.
- Shawe boys host Cannelton, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

- Switzerland Co., Spartan Classic at Connersville, 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

BASKETBALL

- Switzerland Co. boys, Switzerland Co. Tournament, TBA
- Trimble Co. boys, Chain Rock Classic at Pineville, TBA
- Hanover women vs. Muskingum at Bluffton, 12 p.m.
- Carroll Co. boys host Ludlow, 4 p.m.
- Southwestern boys host Floyd Central, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

- Madison, Switzerland Co. girls, IHSGWA Regional at West Washington, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

- No local events

MONDAY, JAN. 1

- No local events

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

BASKETBALL

- Trimble Co. girls, All "A" Classic at Trimble Co., TBA
- Carroll Co. girls host Boone Co., 7:30 p.m.
- Madison girls at Brownstown, 7:30 p.m.
- Southwestern boys host Providence, 7:30 p.m.
- Trimble Co. boys host Eminence, All "A" Classic, 8 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Madison at Salem, 6 p.m.
- Southwestern hosts Shawe, Switzerland Co., 6 p.m.

Steelers expose shortcomings of Bengals, Browning

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Bengals' confidence and playoff hopes came crashing down in Pittsburgh two days before Christmas.

Cincinnati had won three straight games to sneak back into the playoff picture. But the Bengals badly needed to beat the Steelers on Saturday to stay there. Instead, Cincinnati (8-7) took a thorough beating by one of the worst offenses in the league.

Jake Browning, making his fifth start in place of the injured Joe Burrow, threw three interceptions on ill-advised passes. And the Steelers exploited the Bengals' other weaknesses. Cincinnati couldn't run the ball — What else is new? — and the defense couldn't contain Mason Rudolph, Pittsburgh's third-string quarterback.

The Steelers (8-7) hadn't managed to score 24 points in a game since Oct. 22. On Saturday they led 24-0 at the half en route to a 34-11 win.

The Bengals' collapse is hard to explain. With Rudolph at quarterback, practice-squad call-ups at linebacker and safety, and general in-house turmoil, the Steelers seemed beatable.

"I don't have an answer for you," Cincinnati defensive end Sam Hubbard said.

"We just have to continue to pick up the pieces and find a way to be better next week," coach Zac Taylor said.

The Bengals are on the verge of missing the playoffs after winning the AFC North the last two years. They play at Kansas City on New Year's Eve.

"We don't overreact. We've done some really good things the last couple weeks," Taylor said. "(Saturday) wasn't a great experience for us. We know what the narrative will be going forward, and so we'll just own up to it, be accountable to it and be ready to put our best foot forward at Kansas City."

Minshew uses playoff experience to rally Colts after another flat loss

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quarterback Gardner Minshew spent the past two Januarys preparing for meaningful games with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Now, in Indianapolis, he's one of the veterans trying to teach his mostly younger, inexperienced teammates what it takes to make a playoff push. Clearly, there's a lot of work to do.

"You start counting wins and you start doing schedule math and you look around, it's like, 'Well, they lost to Carolina, and we beat the Steelers,' " Minshew said describing the results from Week 15, leading into Sunday's 29-10 loss at Atlanta.

"Well, you've got to go and earn it right now. Everybody thinks you've got all this time, you're going to have all these chances to make playoff runs, and it doesn't work like that."

Minshew speaks from experience.

As a rookie in 2019, he went 6-6 as the Jaguars starter and became a fan favorite. But after starting 2020 with a 1-6 mark, Minshew was benched. He only made one more start for Jacksonville, a loss, before he was out of a job.

The quirky quarterback landed in Philadelphia, making two late-season starts in each of the Eagles' two playoff seasons. Then this season, he's revived his career in Indianapolis with a 6-5 record to match his career-high victory total.

But with the Colts (8-7) in the playoff hunt with two home games remaining, Minshew and his teammates know there's no margin for error — or Indy's playoff drought could go to three seasons.

"I feel like Gardner said it perfectly, 'Don't take it for granted' being in a situation in December where you can fight for a playoff spot," linebacker Zaire Franklin said after Sunday's latest setback. "Don't feel like you beat a team on paper just because you all are supposed to be better than them. It's hard to win in this league."

Indy learned that lesson the hard way by getting blown out in its past two road games against backup quarterbacks and teams with worse records.

On Sunday, they'll presumably face a similar scenario when the Las Vegas Raiders (7-8) and rookie quarterback Aidan O'Connell visit Lucas Oil Stadium.

For the Colts who endured an unforgettable two-game collapse that cost them a playoff spot in 2021, which started with a home loss to the Raiders, this seems eerily familiar. The question is whether Minshew's message will resonate in this locker room.

"We have to take advantage of (the chances) when we've got them," he said. "I'm excited to how we respond and bring it next week."

WHAT'S WORKING

Tight ends. Indy showed how much it values this position by opening the season with four TEs on the active roster and another on injured reserve. Each week, it seems, a different player steps into the spotlight. Last weekend, it was two guys — Kylen Granson and Will Mallory. Granson had five catches for 62 yards while Mallory had four for 47. Indy finished with 20 completions for 201 yards passing.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Running game. The Colts must become more consistent on the ground to make the playoffs — or win a postseason game. They beat the Steelers by rushing for 170 yards then had only 92 yards rushing against Atlanta. Not surprisingly, Minshew's best performances this season have come when the offense has been more balanced.

STOCK UP

Michael Pittman Jr. How did Indy's top receiver improve his stock by sitting out Sunday? Without him, the Colts struggled to do much downfield even as Atlanta used more defenders against the run and crowded the receivers.

STOCK DOWN

RB Jonathan Taylor. Whether it was the Falcons defense or the 2021 NFL rushing champ showing some rust after missing the previous three games, Taylor wasn't himself. He had 18 carries for 43 yards, just 12 more than Minshew, and had no receptions for an average of 2.4 yards per touch.

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Kaitlyn "KK" Hensley scored 22 points to lead the Panthers but it was the rest of the team that carried the win. Cloie McGuire had 13 points and 12 rebounds to claim player of the game honors, Madie Hicks had 11 points and Josilyn Hamm had 11 rebounds in her first varsity action of the season.

"KK is usually our motor. But she couldn't really score because they were box and one'ing her, but we had other people step up," Carroll coach Scott Anderson said. That's (Hamm's) first time playing in a varsity game this year and she had 11 rebounds. Cloie has always been a scorer and she usually finds ways to get rebounds, but having 12 rebounds is impressive. I'm playing with two girls who played their whole life and I've got five that's never played varsity action. It's really a learning process for us. But we're really, really happy to get this when we put a lot of work into our tournament, and we have a lot of respect for it."

Carlie Riley led Holmes with 17 points and A.J. Faehr had nine.

ROWAN CO. 61, TRIMBLE CO. 33

Rowan County jumped out to an early lead on the Raiders and never looked back in a 61-33 win in the opening game of the Browning Classic.

Trimble County had trouble scoring the entire game and managed just 12 points in the first half. Rowan led by as many as 31 in the second half.

Addison Edmondson had 10 points to lead Trimble, Jolie Wilcoxson scored nine points and Trinity Crawford had eight.

Rowan County advanced to the semifinals where it faced Walton-Verona on Thursday.

Trimble, now 6-4 on the season, faced Switzerland County in the consolation semifinals on Thursday.

WALTON-VERONA 68, SWITZERLAND CO. 55

Switzerland County started strong and ended strong but Walton-Verona dominated the middle in a 68-55 win in the second game of the Browning Classic.

Switzerland led 12-10 early but trailed 28-16 at the end of the first quarter after Walton-Verona turned on the jets. The Bearcats led by as many as 28 before Switzerland caught fire late and closed the gap to nine early in the fourth quarter until Walton re-established control.

Bri Stow scored 18 points to lead Switzerland County with Macy Collier scoring 11 points and Molly Wrightsman had seven.

Campbell Christy and Eli Logue each scored 20 points to lead Walton-Verona was to play Rowan County in the semifinals on Thursday while Switzerland, now 8-7 on the season, was to face Trimble County in the consolation semifinals on Thursday.

Photos by David Campbell

Switzerland County's Lauren Smith (12) battles with Walton-Verona's Braylin Terrell for a rebound on a free throw during the Pam Browning Classic at Carroll County on Wednesday.

Trimble County's Kimberly Rodriguez (10) sprints away from Rowan County's Ava Carver (10) and Olivia Burnett after gathering up a loose ball during the Pam Browning Classic at Carroll Coumty on Wednesday.

PLAYER

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But in his first year as the starting quarterback, he took over games. He was 120-for-199 passing (60%) for 1,708 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also rushed for 415 yards on 89 carries. He did throw 12 interceptions, but for Oldham, that was part of the learning process.

"We didn't really want him to use his wheels running around a lot and getting banged up. But next year, we can use him a lot more on the run because we'll have a better, more experienced quality backup," Oldham said. "I call him 'Slash', he does everything. He punts for us, he kicks for us, he can kick return, I mean, anything we want him to do, he'll do and he's humble. And he's a great kid. Those things don't come along very often."

Mumphrey credits his season to his teammates and coaches. While he was the trigger man, the play of his offensive line, receivers and backs helped cover up his inexperience.

"I couldn't have done anything really without my line or receivers or my coach. Because without them, I wouldn't be able to get the ball out or anything like that," Mumphrey said. "I think everybody just got onto the same page. In the first half of the season, I don't think everybody knew exactly what they were doing or some people weren't in the positions they wanted to be. Once they got into positions that they should be in we started going from there did pretty good."

Mumphrey still has a season left of high school and while he's not sure what he wants to do after graduation, Oldham has no doubt that he could play at the next level if he chooses.

"He should be college-bound. He keeps his grades up; he's doing better this year than he did last year in the classroom, but he's always been an A or B student," Oldham said. "He's got the total package to go to school and be successful. And I really look forward to him going to school somewhere and playing college football."

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF DECLARATORY RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC HEARING
RELATED TO THE MODIFICATION OF A PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA IN THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
(GROTE INDUSTRIES, LLC)

You are hereby notified that on December 19, 2023, the Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana (the "Common Council") adopted a resolution of the City entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA, MODIFYING THE TERMS OF A PREVIOUSLY DECLARED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND APPROVING DEDUCTIONS FROM ASSESSED VALUE OF NEW MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT AND NEW LOGISTICAL DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT IN SUCH ALREADY DECLARED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA" (the "Declaratory Resolution"). You are further notified that the Common Council will hold a public hearing to consider confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution.

Grote Industries, LLC (the "Company) intends to undertake the acquisition of new equipment (the "Project") in the City of Madison, Indiana (the "City") on certain land in the City (the "Area"). The Declaratory Resolution modifies the terms of a previously declared economic revitalization area pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1. The Declaratory Resolution also finds that the amount of investment in personal property, the increased employment, and other benefits of the Project justify the granting of personal property tax deductions for ten years to the Company pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1. A copy of the Declaratory Resolution, which includes a description of the Area, is available for inspection in the office of the Madison Clerk-Treasurer and at the Jefferson County Assessor's Office.

The public hearing will be held on January 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. (local time), at the Madison City Hall, 101 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana. At the public hearing, the Common Council will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons with respect to the Declaratory Resolution. After considering the evidence, the Common Council will take final action determining whether the qualifications for an economic revitalization area have been met and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution. This determination will be final, subject to certain rights to appeal under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-4.5.

Dated this 29st day of December 2023.

CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA, COMMON COUNCIL
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MDK # 23-026851
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
) SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) CAUSE NO. 39C01-2311-MF-000949
PNC Bank, National Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
James F. Shuck, AKA James Shuck, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Jennifer Shuck AKA Jennifer Watson AKA Jennifer Zirkoe AKA Jennifer Rebecca Zirkle AKA Jennifer Rebecca Watson AKA J. Shuck, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Jennifer Shuck AKA Jennifer Watson AKA Jennifer Zirkoe AKA Jennifer Rebecca Zirkle AKA Jennifer Rebecca Watson AKA J. Shuck:

BE IT KNOWN, that PNC Bank, National Association, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Nicholas M. Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Jennifer Shuck AKA Jennifer Watson AKA Jennifer Zirkoe AKA Jennifer Rebecca Zirkle AKA Jennifer Rebecca Watson AKA J. Shuck, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Jennifer Shuck AKA Jennifer Watson AKA Jennifer Zirkoe AKA Jennifer Rebecca Zirkle AKA Jennifer Rebecca Watson AKA J. Shuck, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Jennifer Shuck AKA Jennifer Watson AKA Jennifer Zirkoe AKA Jennifer Rebecca Zirkle AKA Jennifer Rebecca Watson AKA J. Shuck, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Jennifer Shuck AKA Jennifer Watson AKA Jennifer Zirkoe AKA Jennifer Rebecca Zirkle AKA Jennifer Rebecca Watson AKA J. Shuck, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Jefferson County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Lot No. Nine (9) in Beeler's Addition East to Kent, see Plat Book 1, Page 39, in the Recorder's Office of Jefferson County, Indiana.

commonly known as 7825 West Kent Sr 256, Madison, IN 47250.

NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court

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VICTORY

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"They had a couple match-ups of fast players on our safeties, and it just wasn't one of our better days," Louisville coach Jeff Brohm said. "A lot of those guys have played well all year long; today wasn't their best day."

Leading 28-14, the Trojans were driving early in the third quarter when Moss was intercepted at the goal line by Quincy Riley, who returned it 61 yards to the USC 39. Five plays later, Isaac Guerendo scored on a 1-yard run to pull the Cardinals within a touchdown.

Guerendo scored on a 2-yard run on Louisville's first possession of the game.

After Denis Lynch was wide right on a 38-yard field goal try, the Trojans got the ball right back when Max Williams stripsacked Plummer, with Solomon Byrd recovering at the Louisville 19. Moss threw a short pass to Washington, who deked two defenders before diving into the end zone to tie the game.

USC jumped to a 21-7 lead on Moss' second scoring pass to Washington and then Hudson's score. Evan Conley scored on a 9-yard run for Louisville before USC went 75 yards in five plays just before halftime, with Moss dodging a defender, rolling right and chucking up a 31-yarder to Lane for a 28-14 lead.

FACTS & FIGURES

Louisville: Plummer, a graduate senior, made his 39th career start. He also played at Cal and Purdue.

Southern California: Moss had played in just 11 games in three seasons, going 43 of 59 for 542 yards and three touchdowns, with no interceptions.

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In the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Carolyn S. Birge was on the 11th day of December, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Kenneth R. Birge, deceased, who died on October 29, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk ofthis Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months afier the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana: **December 13, 2023.**

/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Jefferson County

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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED
ESTATE OF
KAREN ANN GRIFFIN, DECEASED.
DEVON M. SHARPE, Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe,
508 East Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN ANN GRIFFIN, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Stacey Luellen was, on the 13th day of December, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Karen Ann Griffin, deceased, who died on the 25th day of February, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 13th day of December, 2023.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED
ESTATE OF
DOLORES A. TOTTEN,, DECEASED.
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOLORES A. TOTTEN, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Robert D. Totten Jr. was, on the 15th day of December, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Dolores A. Totten, deceased, who died on the 9th day of August, 2018.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 15th day of December, 2023.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Jefferson County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of the County Council meet at 620 Green Road the EMA Building at 5:00 p.m. DATE 1-9-2024 will consider the following for the current year.
Fund/Additional
1112 LIT $119,000.00
1168 Health Maintenance $25,000.00
1161 Health First $334,861.00
1200 Supplemental Public Defender $21,500
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The addition of appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance Department.
Heather Huff
Jefferson County, Auditor
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING WAIVER OF NON-COMPLIANCE RELATING TO TAX ABATEMENT
(Grote Industries, LLC)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Madison Common Council (the "Council") will conduct a public hearing on January 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. local time, at the Madison City Hall, 101 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana, to consider a proposed Resolution to waive certain non-compliance with requirements relating to tax abatement proposed to be granted to Grote Industries, LLC, or any affiliate thereof, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 (the "Resolution"). At the public hearing, the Council will hear any person interested in the proceedings and will consider the Resolution.
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AP TOP 25 POLL

Florida Atlantic has highest ranking ever

Purdue remains No. 1

BY JOHN MARSHALL
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Florida Atlantic's run to the Final Four last season was viewed as a nice story, a small program making a surprise run before sliding back into anonymity.

The Owls are showing this season that was no fluke.

Coming off a double-overtime win over No. 4 Arizona, FAU moved up seven places to No. 7 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll released Monday. It's the Owls' highest ranking as a program after being No. 10 in the preseason poll.

"We wanted to play it in the worst way for a lot of reasons," FAU coach Dusty May said before the 96-95 win over Arizona on Saturday. "National television. Our guys wanted to be challenged. They love the challenge. And we felt our program was at a point where we needed these games to elevate even more than a Final Four run."

Purdue maintained its top ranking for the second straight week, receiving 46 first-place votes from a 60-person media panel after blowing out Jacksonville. No. 2 Kansas had five first-place votes and No. 3 Houston received nine. Arizona and UConn rounded out the top five.

Florida Atlantic made massive waves last season, earning the program's first ranking in the AP Top 25 during the regular season before making a magical run in the NCAA Tournament. The Owls just missed a shot at the national championship game when San Diego State's Lamont Butler beat them with a buzzer-beating jumper.

Florida Atlantic (10-2) returned nearly everyone from that team and has shown another deep run could be coming.

The Owls suffered an unexpected slipup with an early home loss to Bryant and lost to then-No. 20 Illinois by seven at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 5. FAU won the ESPN Events Invitational by knocking off then-No. 12 Texas A&M in the semifinals and Virginia Tech in the title game.

The Owls showed plenty of grit in Las Vegas on Saturday, going toe to toe with Arizona in one of the best games of the season so far.

Johnell Davis scored 35 points and FAU dodged Caleb Love's 3-point attempt at the buzzer to win its fifth game over a ranked opponent over the past two seasons. The Owls had been 1-19 against AP Top 25 teams before last season.

RISING AND FALLING

FAU had the biggest jump of the week within the poll and No. 16 Duke climbed five places after beating No. 17 Baylor 78-70. No. 19 Memphis moved up four places following wins over Virginia and Vanderbilt.

No. 22 Creighton had the biggest drop of the week, falling 10 places after losing to Villanova in overtime. No. 12 Oklahoma fell five places after losing by 12 to No. 9 North Carolina.

IN AND OUT

No. 25 Providence moved into the poll for the first time since hitting No. 20 last Feb. 27 after beating No. 10 Marquette and Butler last week.

Virginia's return to the AP Top 25 proved to be short lived. The Cavaliers dropped out this week from No. 22 after the loss to Memphis.

CONFERENCE WATCH

The Big 12 again had the most ranked teams with six and the Big East had four. The ACC, Big Ten and SEC each had three.

The American Athletic Conference had two ranked teams while the Pac-12, West Coast, Mountain West and Sun Belt conferences had one each.

Men's basketball poll still driving discussion in 75th season

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

When the first AP Top 25 men's college basketball poll was published in January 1949, Saint Louis was installed at No. 1 ahead of mighty Kentucky, thanks to a head-to-head win a few weeks earlier in New Orleans.

The poll did exactly what was intended, and what it has continued to do for 75 years: It sparked debate.

Were the Billikens of coach Eddie Hickey — the defending NIT champions at a time when that tournament was more prestigious than the NCAA Tournament — really deserving of the top spot? Would the Wildcats of Adolph Rupp win a rematch? And what of Western Kentucky, Minnesota and Oklahoma A&M, some of the other powerhouse programs of the era?

"It was a case of thinking up ideas to develop interest," Alan J. Gould, then the sports editor for The Associated Press, explained years later. "Sports was then living off controversy, opinion, whatever. This was just another exercise in hoopla."

Gould had dreamed up the AP college football poll in 1936, when he asked newspaper editors across the country to rank teams each week. But it wasn't until 1949 that the AP followed suit by ranking the top 20 teams in men's basketball (it would be another 28 years before the AP had a women's basketball poll).

The poll has evolved over the years, contracting to 10 for a period in the 1960s before expanding to its now-familiar Top 25 for the 1989-90 season. The panel of newspaper editors that voted on it has likewise expanded to include digital outlet beat writers along with radio and TV personalities. And these days, box scores and game stories are supplemented by the fact that nearly every game is broadcast, whether that be on television, a streaming service or somewhere else across the internet.

Some things have not changed, though, including the nuts-and-bolts of how the poll works.

Each season, the AP selects a panel of more than 60 college basketball experts from across the country to vote on the Top 25. Four are considered "national writers" while the rest are chosen to represent each state, and much like the Electoral College, states that have the most Division I programs have the largest share of voters. The goal is geographic diversity so good teams everywhere get the attention they deserve.

The poll is not a factor in determining a champion. The final ballots are released the day after Selection Sunday, on the eve of the NCAA Tournament that settles the ultimate question of which team is the best in the land.

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FRIDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	The Wall		Dateline NBC (N)				WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Blue Bloods		🎥 Must Love Christmas ('22)				CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	The Wall		Dateline NBC (N)				News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Penn & Teller		Masters		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Shark Tank		20/20 (N)				News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Shark Tank		20/20 (N)				News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Comm..	Week	Craft (N) (SP)		Craft (N)		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	WWE Friday Night SmackDown				FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Blue Bloods		🎥 Must Love Christmas ('22)				News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Penn & Teller		Masters		BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	WWE Friday Night SmackDown				WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	🎥 National Lampoon's Vacation				🎥★ Vegas Vacation ('97)				🎥 National Lampoon's E...		
COM	45	59	Movie	🎥★ Little Fockers ('10)				🎥★★★ Meet the Parents Robert De Niro.					Movie
DISC	31	38	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush (N)		(:05) Gold Rush		(:10) Outback (N)		GoldR..
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	🎥★★ The Lion King ('19)				Kiff	Kiff	Hailey
ESPN	32	44	(3:30) Football		Pregame (N)		Cotton Bowl Classic Missouri vs. Ohio State (N) (Live)						
FREE	18	40	(3:00) 🎥 Ice Age: ...		🎥★★★ The Princess and the Frog				🎥★★★★ The Little Mermaid ('89)				700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) 🎥★★ The King's Man ('21)				🎥★★ National Treasure ('04) Nicolas Cage.						Movie
HBO	201	17	(:05) 🎥★★★ Edge of Tomorrow				🎥★★★ American Sniper ('14)				🎥 Maze Runner: Scorch ...		
MAX	270	73	(5:50) 🎥★★ Pride and Glory ('08)				🎥★★ Knowing ('09) Nicolas Cage.				🎥★★ Hit & Run ('12)		
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowst. "The Beating"			Yellowstone		Yellowstone	
SHOW	221	16	Movie	🎥 Agent Game ('22)			Football Qatar		🎥★★ Beau Is Afraid ('23) Joaquin Phoenix.				
TMC	233	74	(5:45) 🎥★★ Need for Speed ('14)				🎥★★ The Counselor ('13) (P)				🎥★★ Triple 9 ('16)		
TNT	27	43	(4:00) 🎥 Captain ...		(:15) 🎥★★★ Thor: Ragnarok ('17) Chris Hemsworth.						Rampage (SF)		Ramp..
USA	26	33	🎥★★★ John Wick ('14)				🎥★★★ John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17)					🎥 John Wick: ...	

SATURDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Chefs	Song	Password		Dateline NBC		SNL		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	Sheldon	Sheldon	CSI: Vegas		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News (N)		NBCN..	Let'sT..	Password		Dateline NBC		SNL		News
8 WISH	12		(4:30) College Football				I Am Burt Reynolds (N)				News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	WiseM..	Count..	Football Detroit Lions at Dallas Cowboys (N) (Live)						News
11 WHAS	11	4	(5:30) T..	World..	TBA	Count..	Football Detroit Lions at Dallas Cowboys (N) (Live)						News
15 WKPC	13		Antiques		TimFa..	RedGr..	Kentuc..	Ky.Afi..	🎥★★★ Z for Zachariah ('15)				Austin
19 WXIX	10		Relief	PaintL..	College Basketball				TMZ's Merry		FOX19 (N)		Shazam
32 WLKY	5	5	WLK..	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	CSI: Vegas		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	(4:30) College Football				I Am Burt Reynolds (N)				The Rookie		9-1-1
41 WDRB	8	9	9-1-1		College Basketball				TMZ's Merry		WDRB News		Shazam
A&E	28	36	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Buddy (N)		Neighb..
AMC	29	26	(4:30) 🎥 Lethal ...		🎥★★★ Lethal Weapon 3 ('92) Mel Gibson.					🎥★★ Lethal Weapon 4 ('98)			
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Afraid		Afraid		Afraid		Afraid		Afraid		Afraid
DISN	25	29	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Hailey	🎥★★★ Tangled ('10)			BigCity	BigCity	BigCity	Kiff
ESPN	32	44	(4:00) Orange Bowl			Count..	Football Detroit Lions at Dallas Cowboys (N) (Live)						Postga..
FREE	18	40	Movie	(:50) 🎥★★ Men in Black II ('02)				(:50) 🎥★★ Men in Black 3 ('12) Will Smith.					Movie
FX	40	28	(4:30) 🎥 Pirates of the Caribbean: A...				🎥★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides						What ..
HBO	201	17	🎥 Magic Mike's Last Da...			(:50) 🎥★★★ Trainwreck ('15) Amy Schumer.					🎥 Time Bomb ...		Movie
MAX	270	73	(:25) 🎥★ Dying of the Light ('14)				🎥★★★ The Witch ('15)			(:35) 🎥★★ Greta ('18)			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	(:55) Yellowstone		(:55) Yellowstone		(:15) Yellowstone		(:20) Yellowstone			(:25) Yellowstone	
SHOW	221	16	(5:45) 🎥 No Country for Old Men				🎥★★ Scream VI ('23)				(:05) 🎥★ Mafia Mamma		
TMC	233	74	Movie	Thriller 40			🎥★★★ Pearl ('22)			(:45) 🎥 Last of the Grads ('21)			
TNT	27	43	(4:45) 🎥 Thor: Ragnarok			🎥★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 ('17)						🎥 Black Panther	
USA	26	33	(5:00) 🎥 John Wick: Chap...			🎥★★ Rampage ('18) (P)			(:10) 🎥★★ Rampage ('18)				Law-S..

SUNDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Football (N)		(:15) Football Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings (N)						
4 WTTV	4		(4:25) Football (N) (Live)			New Year's Eve Live (N) (Live)					CBS4..	New Year's (N)	
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Football (N)		(:15) Football Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings (N)						
8 WISH	12		News	Retire..	Scooby-Doo		Christmas-The Chosen				News	Sports	News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	The Year (N)		Dick Clark's "Part 1" (N) (Live)				News	Dick Clark's (N)	
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	The Year (N)		Dick Clark's "Part 1" (N) (Live)				TBA	Dick Clark's (N)	
15 WKPC	13		Last/..	KeepUp	Worsley		NEXT (N)		Lionel Richie		Perform.		Summ..
19 WXIX	10		Paid	Relief	Hell's Kitchen		Simpso..	Krapo..	Burgers	Family..	FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	(4:25) Football (N) (Live)			New Year's Eve Live (N) (Live)					WLKY	New Year's (N)	
34 WBKI	7	7	BigBa..	BigBa..	Scooby-Doo		Christmas-The Chosen				Good Dr		House..
41 WDRB	8	9	The Equalizer		Hell's Kitchen		Simpso..	Krapo..	Burgers	Family..	WDRB News		Paid
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	🎥★★ The Great Outdoors ('88)				🎥★★ Sixteen Candles ('84)				🎥 The Great Outdoors		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Homestead Rescue				Homestead Rescue				Homestead Rescue		
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Zombi..	(:25) 🎥 The Naughty Nine			Jessie		🎥 High School Musical		
ESPN	32	44	Featur..	SC Feat.	SportCtr (N)		SportC..	Inside	Inside	Featur..	SC Feat.	Featur..	SportC..
FREE	18	40	(5:40) 🎥★★ National Treasure ('04)					(:50) 🎥★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets ('07)					
FX	40	28	(5:30) 🎥★★ Iron Man 2 ('10)				🎥★★★ Black Widow ('21) Scarlett Johansson.						Movie
HBO	201	17	(:55) 🎥★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road				🎥★★★ Avatar ('09) Sam Worthington.					🎥 Avatar: Way ...	
MAX	270	73	(5:50) 🎥★★ A View to a Kill ('85)				🎥★★ Wonderland ('03)			(:45) 🎥★ Law Abiding Citizen ('09)			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	Yellowstone		Yellowstone		(:10) Yellowstone		(:15) Yellowstone			(:25) Yellowstone	
SHOW	221	16	Dexter		Dexter		Mayor of (N)		The Curse (N)		🎥★★ Beau Is Afraid ('23)		
TMC	233	74	(:05) 🎥★★★ Akeelah and the Bee				🎥★★★ Dirty Dancing			(:45) 🎥★★★ Mystic Pizza ('88)			
TNT	27	43	Movie	🎥★★★ Ant-Man and The Wasp ('18)					🎥★★★ Avengers: Infinity War ('18)				
USA	26	33	(:20) Law-SVU		(:10) Law-SVU		Law-S..	(:40) Law-SVU		Law-S..	(:15) Law-SVU		Law-S..

MONDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Got Talent "Qualifiers 1" (N) (P)				The Irrational		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	NCIS		NCIS "Big Rig"		NCIS		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Got Talent "Qualifiers 1" (N) (P)				The Irrational		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Penn & Teller		Master..	Animals	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Rock & Roll (N)						News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	TBA	Rock & Roll (N)						News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Great Performances (N)			NEXT		Unbro..	BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	M*A*S*H: The Comedy (N)				FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	NCIS		NCIS "Big Rig"		NCIS		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Penn & Teller		Master..	Animals	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	M*A*..	M*A*S*H: The Comedy (N)				WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..
AMC	29	26	🎥 Police Academy 2: Their First A...				🎥★★ Ace Ventura: Pet Detective				🎥 Ace Ventura: When N...		
COM	45	59	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
DISC	31	38	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Contra..
DISN	25	29	🎥★★★ The Incredibles ('04)				🎥★★★ Monsters, Inc.			Monst..	Monst..	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	44	(5:00) CFP Rose Bowl				(:20) Bo..	BowlG.. /(:45) Sugar Bowl Texas vs. Washington (N)					
FREE	18	40	(:15) 🎥★★★ Up ('09) Edward Asner.				(:20) 🎥★★★ Ratatouille ('07) Patton Oswalt.						700Club
FX	40	28	(4:00) 🎥 Star Wa...		🎥★★★ The Avengers ('12) Robert Downey Jr..						🎥 Avengers: Age of Ultron		
HBO	201	17	(5:50) 🎥★★ Blue Beetle ('23)				🎥★★★ Recount ('08)				🎥 Magic Mike's Last Da...		
MAX	270	73	(:15) 🎥★★★ I Love You, Man ('09)				🎥★★ Barbershop ('02)			🎥 Barbershop 2: Back in Business			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		We Are Not		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		We Ar..
PARMT	35	41	Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone			Yellowstone		🎥 Indiana Jone...	
SHOW	221	16	(5:35) Fo..	🎥★★★ Bridge of Spies ('15) Tom Hanks.					🎥★★ Golda ('23)			(:45) The Curse	
TMC	233	74	(5:00) 🎥 Post Mo...		🎥★★★ The Host ('06)				🎥★★★ X ('22) Mia Goth.			(:50) 🎥★★ Men	
TNT	27	43	(3:00) N..	Post-G..	🎥★★★ Avengers: Infinity War ('18)						🎥 Wonder Woman 1984		
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)						Bar (N)

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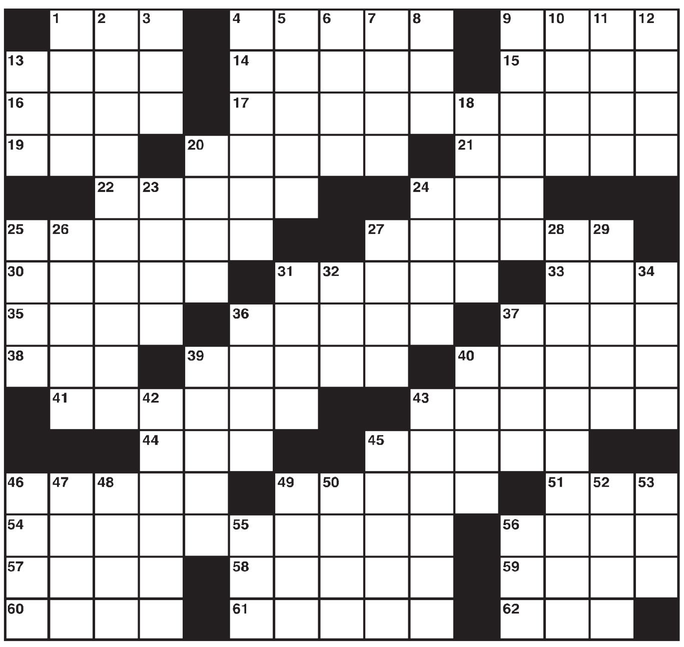

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ACROSS
1 __ up; disgusted
4 Surgeon's tool
9 __ up; misbehaves
13 Long skirt
14 Severity
15 Equestrian's command
16 Eden evictee
17 The whole enchilada
19 Affirmative
20 Honkers
21 Wash off soap
22 __ up; supports from behind
24 __ person; apiece
25 TV's "The Big Bang __"
27 Celtic language
30 Robust
31 Stay away from
33 Org. for Ducks & Devils
35 Perón & others
36 Sty supper
37 Bangkok native
38 Website addr. ending
39 Leading, so far
40 Piece of lumber
41 Required
43 Has misgivings
44 Family member
45 Native New Zealander
46 Undress
49 Foul odor
51 Vat
54 Rehearsing
56 Locked box
57 Mom's sister
58 Tango or twist
59 Shoelace problem
60 New York team
61 Playful swimmer
62 Common contraction

DOWN
1 Lose color
2 Drive crazy
3 __-witted; stupid
4 Ghoulish
5 __ it up; enjoys oneself
6 Middle __; historical period
7 Oliver's request
8 Use a lever
9 Spinning
10 Facial feature
11 Weight units
12 Wise man
13 Calendar page
18 Cornered
20 Gruesome
23 Curtain holders
24 Bucket
25 Now and __; occasionally
26 Refuge
27 Precious metal
28 Resident
29 Diagram
31 Filled with wonder
32 By way of
34 Can tops
36 Get rid of
37 Sightseeing trip
39 Alter to make fit
40 Manual or tome
42 Royal decrees
43 Peril
45 __ pie
46 Unwanted email
47 Factual
48 Rave's partner, in phrase
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50 Slight coloring
52 Eerie sightings
53 Play the ponies
55 Altar promise
56 Enjoy a winter sport

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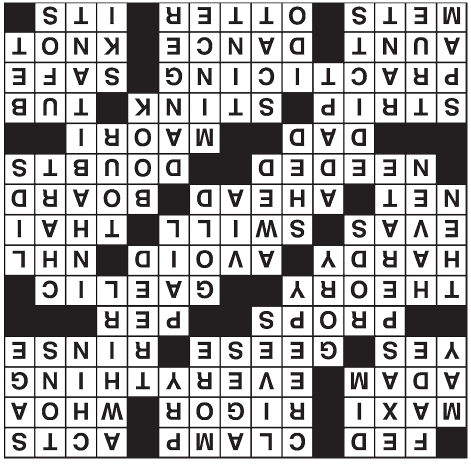

A childfree woman struggles with friendship

Dear Amy: I am a woman in my late 30s. My husband and I don't have children. Almost everyone we know does.

We have demanding jobs with little time during the week to unwind. I love my friends' kids, but I'm both exhausted from maintaining those friendships and deeply unsatisfied with their quality. On the weekends, in a search for some connection and rejuvenation, I find myself driving hours or taking expensive trips to other cities to visit friends, essentially expending a ton of effort for an hour or two with a friend, during which we have a few minutes of an adult conversation.

These friends don't have any capacity to travel to me because they have young kids, and while I don't expect that, I'm feeling sad and neglected.

I've stopped making the effort as much as I used to. I need time to recharge, and these visits are really depleting.

We have tried to make new friends nearby, as well. This is going OK, although even these friends are also having babies and cannot engage easily with others.

My husband and I feel exhausted all the time, and I'm so lonely. My husband thinks my low mood and loneliness are affecting our marriage.

I'm writing because I just canceled a trip to go to a city four hours away for dinner with a dear old friend to meet his new partner, because I was sad that a trip that long didn't warrant any additional quality time. But the more I pull back to try to feel less exhausted, the lonelier I become. Your advice?

AMY
DICKINSON
ASK AMY

— Exhausted and Lonely

Dear Exhausted: You do sound exhausted, as well as depressed. Your take on the challenge of maintaining far-away friendships with people who have young children is accurate: You can spend hours of effort for a few moments of adult connection. This is one reason parents of young children tend to clump together — their moments of mutual distraction dovetail well at this stage of life. I think you would really benefit from clearing your calendar — temporarily — in order to focus on taking care of yourself.

Take two months to devote to getting some answers. Get a thorough medical checkup and accurately describe your energy level. Ask your physician for a referral to a psychiatrist or therapist to talk about your emotional challenges and depression. Go to the dentist; get a haircut. Start an outdoor walking program with your husband on weekend mornings. Look for an in-person or online book club (or another organization corresponding to your interests) to join.

Mitigating loneliness can be hard work, but it starts with essential self-care.

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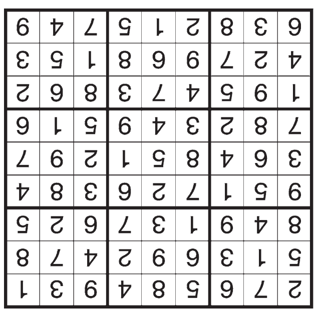

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may gain more by cooperating than competing. An adversary could bring some specialized skills to the table that can enhance a project's potential. Your charm might bring a stray friend back to the flock.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Know yourself and understand your strengths and weaknesses. You could use your people skills to form some useful connections. Consider balancing shifting opinions by developing a more viable option.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A place for everything and everything in its place... Try to get things organized before you try to host a gathering. Avoid taking on a new financial obligation and streamline the ones you already have.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you want to improve your physical or financial health, it can be a good day to focus on control. Preparing for another day off could function as a spur to your accomplishments right now. Meet your deadlines.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It might be up to you to take charge if someone else seems indecisive. You may need to get proactive so that something worthwhile can get accomplished. Do your best to give directions to those who are lost.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A moving experience or viewing things with a new perspective can help you to see more about the people all around you and to have more willingness to pay it forward. Be generous to those who most deserve it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Your social life could get a push in the right direction if you mingle with respected people. Instead of celebrating New Years Eve surrounded by family or friends, consider starting to make some new connections.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Someone's aura of sophistication can rub off on you. Boost your reputation when possible. You could increase your popularity by being in the right place at the right time. An invitation might be worth accepting quickly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Business decisions or added responsibilities could begin to weigh you down. It can all be worth it if you remember that the true spirit of the season is often expressed by growing closer to your family and loved ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — An effective way to wrap up the holiday season as well as your work week can be to prove yourself to be capable and dependable. It may not be quite as much fun, but you might get satisfaction from serving a purpose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may be forced to schedule tasks during the time you would normally spend with family or friends. Wait until you have more information before you make decisions that involve upgrading your financial status for now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — With more precision and attention to detail you can avoid problems later. Do something constructive that could leave you feeling satisfied. Resolve to put more effort into achieving your ambitions or goals.

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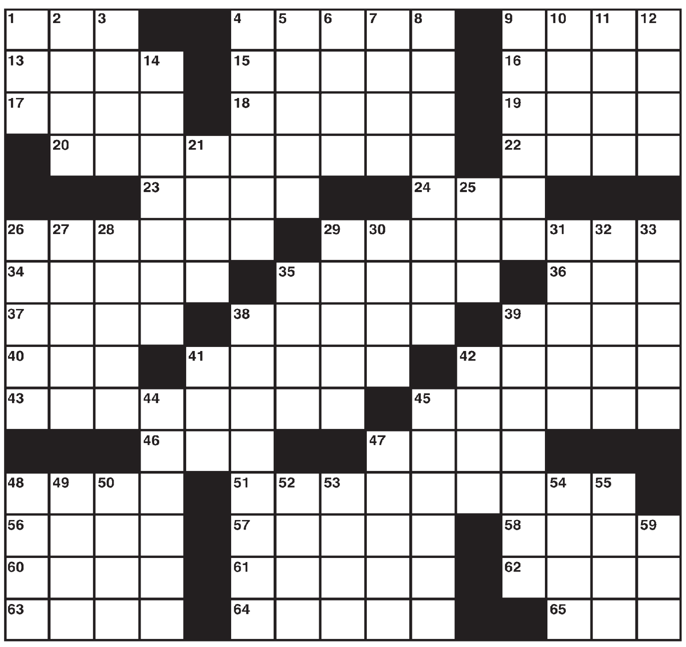

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1 Record speed letters
4 Passion
9 Slaughter
13 "Woe is me!"
15 Depart
16 Bee colony
17 Shower with stones
18 Husband & wife
19 Harness strap
20 Secret or Right Guard
22 Stops
23 Sign of affection
24 Altercation
26 Tolerating no nonsense
29 How a pendulum moves
34 Place for a spare
35 Excessive enthusiasm
36 Uncooked
37 Chimed
38 Compare
39 Bring together
40 Ring king, once
41 __ Peak; Colorado summit
42 Wash off shampoo
43 Breakfast order
45 Played miniature golf
46 Part of a blackjack
47 Mettle; determination
48 Q-tip, e.g.
51 Fatigue
56 Desert gully
57 Wall-climbing vines
58 Grooves
60 As slippery __ eel
61 Epsom __; foot bath additive
62 Pants part
63 Caps with pom-poms
64 Prose writing
65 Help with the dishes

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1 Eminem's music
2 Implored
3 Gender
4 Just about
5 Raises, as kids
6 Numerical info
7 Kiln
8 Hold back
9 Clever
10 Claim against property
11 Enthusiastic
12 Strong desires
14 Feeding a fire
21 Van Dyke or Van Patten
25 "Put __ Happy Face"
26 Saddle fastener
27 Refrain syllables
28 Confrontation
29 __ apart; disassembles
30 Change for a five
31 __ page; part of a newspaper
32 Elevate
33 Had the deed to
35 Wallace of TV
38 Similarly
39 Nervousness
41 Lobbying group, for short
42 Destroy
44 Forest homes
45 Persnickety
47 Actress Garbo
48 TV series for Kenny Johnson
49 "Fuzzy Wuzzy __ bear…"
50 West, for one
52 Longoria & Mendes
53 Has a bug
54 Took legal action
55 Asterisk
59 Animal enclosure

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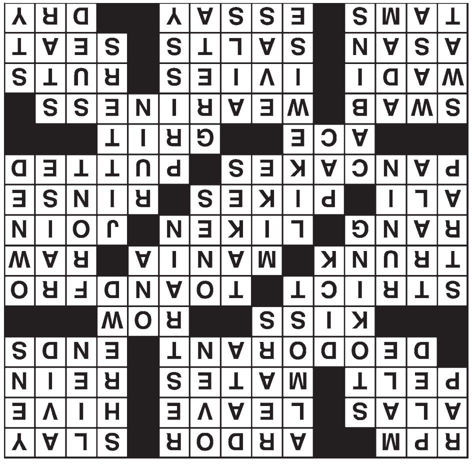

Reader goes round the bend at roller rink

Dear Amy: Every year, with the help of my husband and six children, I throw myself a birthday party at a local roller rink.

It's all I want — to party and rollerblade with my family and friends like I'm still young.

We rent out the entire venue and invite many families. We serve a handful of refreshments and play fun music. It's a blast, and I usually look forward to it every year, except this year.

I'm dreading it because one family (neighbors of ours) are just terrible guests. They bring extra people without asking, their four kids come blazing down the middle of the rink and have actually knocked people down before, and last year, they took the water bottles from the refreshment table and were throwing them down the stairs to the front entrance, where they would burst open.

The parents never do anything about it and never offer to help clean up the mess their kids leave.

The problem is, they know I have this party every year.

How do I avoid inviting them when I know they are going to ask about it? I feel like my only option is to cancel it for a few years and hope they forget about it.

— Party Pooper

AMY
DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Party Pooper: Yes, you could cancel your celebration and hope that these neighbors forget about it over the course of a few years.

You could also hope that this boisterous family would perhaps join a traveling circus and take their act elsewhere.

Or, you could simply not invite them.

If they ask you about it, you could tell them, truthfully: "We're trimming the guest list down this year; we're going to keep things smaller and more contained. Unfortunately your group isn't included this year. Maybe some time in the future we'll expand it again."

I don't suggest diving into the particulars about why they are being excluded unless they explicitly ask about it. The reason not to lead with your reasons is because if you do, then you might be forced into a dialogue about behavior that happened a year ago which you didn't react to proportionally (or at all) at the time.

It might be worthwhile to see if the roller rink has a security person who might want to work an extra shift during your party. This would shift some of the pressure and responsibility for enforcing basic safety rules away from you.

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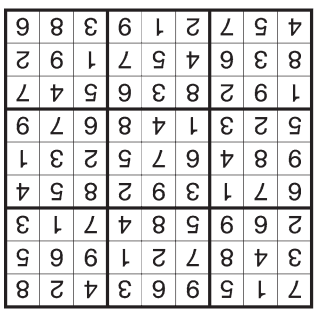

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Old acquaintances may not be forgotten this weekend. You may hear from long lost friends or distant relatives who want to send seasonal greetings. You could find yourself immersed in feelings of love and affection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Money may pay the bills but sharing some fun times with friends or loved ones could yield more lasting rewards. Be sure to remain prepared to manage some last-minute changes to your already busy social calendar.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your resolution could be to speak well of everyone or to say nothing at all. If you have been fronting financially, there might be an awkward situation or conversation at an upcoming gathering.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Some people might expect something that you are not ready to give. Getting your well-intentioned suggestions to a friend could prove to be difficult. Concentrate on making the best of your free time right now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Romantic or creative daydreams could be like catnip for your soul. No matter what the weather is like outside, your heart can be warmed by anticipation of upcoming events. Appreciate helpful friends and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Make calls or reply to texts early in the day so you can begin to prepare for upcoming gatherings. Thoughtful conversations could offer inspiration or spark innovative ideas to bring you closer to someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Make sure to take care of any loose ends. Handle any lingering issues that could impact your health or potential new job opportunities. You may feel compelled to learn everything about someone new in your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Spend your time and money on the things that can make loved ones feel appreciated and cherished. Anything may seem possible as the new year approaches. Consider setting plans in motion that could bring worthwhile changes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Holiday celebrations may need to begin early if you have to accommodate someone else's busy schedule. There should be time for a heart-to-heart conversation that can give you something new to consider.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Prepare to enter the new year with a clean slate and the ability to make a fresh start. Do your best to focus on the improvements that can reflect well on your dedication to everyone's happiness or creature comforts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — People can appreciate your selfless gestures. Consider dropping in on friends who enjoy impromptu visits. This could be a wonderful time to look towards the future without dwelling on the past.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Now may be the time to resolve something; release animosities into the ether and forgive for your own sake. Give in to feelings of sentimentality and make this a time to remember by taking photos to share.

DRIVING

FROM PAGE B4

On each ballot, teams receive an inverted number of points based on position: The top team on a ballot gets 25 points, the second-ranked team receives 24 and so on. The cumulated point total determines the Top 25, which is released on Mondays.

"It's a lot more art than science," explained Seth Davis, a college basketball analyst for CBS and longtime AP voter. "It's our job to watch as much as we can, keep track of all the scores, consume all the data and make our best subjective assessment."

The notion of subjectivity is essential to the Top 25. Voters understand there is no room for biases, and given that individual ballots are made public each week, they also know their opinions may come under intense scrutiny.

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In fact, one longtime voter remembers a time that he was certain West Virginia fans had organized "a letter-writing campaign" against him for his placement of the Mountaineers. Another said, almost certainly tongue-in-cheek, that he receives "nothing but effusive praise for each and every one of the decisions I make each week."

Social media, for better or worse, has made it even easier for fans to interact with AP voters, taking their spirited conversations from water coolers to the internet. But the poll still drives discussion, just like it was intended to do 75 years ago.

"The poll has always been a fun talking point," said Jerry Tipton, who retired in 2022 after more than four decades of covering Kentucky for the Lexington Herald-Leader. "It puts the sport out there, helps to promote it. And it gets people talking."

Haliburton's late 3 leads Pacers to 123-117 win over Rockets

HOUSTON — Tyrese Haliburton had 33 points and 10 assists and hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with a minute left to lead the Indiana Pacers to a 123-117 win over the Houston Rockets on Tuesday night.

Indiana snapped a three-game losing streak, winning on the road for the first time since Dec. 7.

"When you get .500, you feel a little more pressure because nobody wants to be under .500," Haliburton said. "We felt like this game was kind of a must win for us. That's a really good team, a really feisty team, and we just figured out a way to pull it out today."

Haliburton went 13 of 21 from the field, including 7 of 13 from 3.

"What a great game," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "Just super competitive, tons of actions, a bunch of lead changes — high-level players out there. I'm real proud of our guys."

There were 15 lead changes and six ties in the game.

Alperen Sengun led Houston with 30 points and 16 rebounds. Sengun was coming off a career-high 37 points in Houston's 106-104 win over New Orleans on Saturday. He added five assists and four steals on Tuesday.

"We knew they're like the best offensive team in the league," Sengun said. "We tried to solve it in the gameplan, but they're still a good team. They made their clutch shots so they win."

Fred VanVleet hit a running layup with 1:50 remaining to give Houston a 117-115 lead, their first since early in the third quarter. VanVleet finished with 18 points and nine assists.

Early in the third quarter, Haliburton made three 3-pointers in a two-minute span, capping off a 12-2 run that gave Indiana an 81-74 lead. The Pacers outscored the Rockets 37-23 in the third quarter and entered the fourth quarter with a 101-90 lead.

"It was shocking at the point, the way we played in the third quarter and the amount of 3s that they hit that we were still in the game at that point," Rockets coach Ime Udoka said.

Rockets forward Dillon Brooks left the game midway through the third quarter and was later ruled out with a right abdominal oblique strain.

Houston outscored Indiana 74-44 in the paint, while the Pacers did more damage from the 3-point line, where they made 19 of 43.

The Rockets led 67-64 at the half.

Rockets forward Tari Eason tied the game at 33 on the last play of the first quarter by stealing the ball from Andrew Nembhard and finishing with a thunderous breakaway dunk. Eason had 16 points and eight rebounds off the bench for Houston.

The Pacers were without Reggie Bullock Jr. (illness) and Bruce Brown (right knee bone bruise). Obi Toppin — who entered Tuesday having started 27 of 28 games this season — played 14 minutes off the bench, scoring seven points.

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2023 YEAR END *News*

2023 a year of community growth, investment in *quality of life*

The year 2023 was one of multiple efforts for a better quality of life for residents of Jefferson County.

It was the first full year for the Bethany Legacy Foundation that sought to target funding to make Jefferson County the healthiest county in the world.

There was the opening of four new national retailers at the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing on Madison's hilltop that attracted visitors from the southern Indiana and northern Kentucky region.

And in December, there was an announcement that Hanover College will construct new facilities for a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

Also, innkeeper tax collections are on track in 2023 to better last year's record of $639,904 collected, emphasizing the strength of local tourism and expansion of hospitality services.

Festivals continued to be a major draw with another big crowd during the Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art that filled the streets of downtown Madison. Many other local events had successful years including the Madison Regatta, Ribberfest BBQ and Blues, Canaan Fall Festival among others as well as the return of River Roots Revival and the second year of Madison's Wild West Rodeo Show.

With the establishment of a Public Arts Commission, there was an emphasis on public art with Dale

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Masses

A group of Catholic nuns, all teachers at St. Joseph Academy in Walton, Kentucky, were taking the Historic Churches Walking Tour in downtown Madison in February — including a stop at Prince of Peace Catholic Church established in 1851 as St. Mary's Catholic Church.

MADISON RIVERFRONT SUPER OVERLOOK
CAT

Workers were busy in February spreading gravel after erecting the walls for the new $2 million Super Overlook along the Ohio River at Vaughn Drive — the traditional site of the Madison Regatta judge's stand — in downtown Madison. The first phase of the project was completed by the 2023 regatta in July with a second phase continuing later in the year.

Rogers bringing his "Flight" exhibit to Bicentennial Park from late March to early November, and his "Birdman" sculpture for permanent display at the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing. He also spent time with Madison Junior High School art students to help them design their own sculptures that will be constructed by Cub Industries to be displayed around the city.

Here's a look back at some more of what happened in 2023:

ELECTIONS

- This was the year of the municipal elections for the city of Madison and Republicans took every office. Incumbent Mayor Bob Courtney won reelection by defeating two-term Councilman Dan Dattilo. Josh Wilber will be replacing Dattilo as Council-at-Large, winning by just 46 votes over Democrat Pete Backus. Meanwhile, incumbent Clerk-Treasurer Katie Rampy won by 169 votes over Democrat Sue Patterson. Other Republican winners were Patrick Thevenow, District 1; Carla Eades Krebs, District 2; Lucy Dattilo, District 3; Joshua Schafer, District 4; Joel Storm, District 5; and Jim Bartlett, Council-at-Large.
- In the primary, there was only one competitive race in District 1 City Council which was between Republicans in which Thevenow defeated Lisa Ferguson. Because there were no other competitive races, the Election Board voted for a limited ballot only involving the District 1 precincts in the primary.
- Like a lot of communities in Kentucky, Milton has been a dry community since prohibition where purchasing alcohol required a drive across the Ohio River bridge into Madison or more recently a trip to Bedford. But in November voters in Milton approved alcohol sales in the city limits by a 95-74 vote. A similar referendum in 2016 passed 49-28 in Bedford, where there are now two liquor stores as well as beer sales at convenience stores.
- Office transitions: Just six months into his seventh two-year term in the Indiana House of Representatives, Randy Frye announced his retirement in District 67. In July, a Republican caucus was held with North Vernon attorney Alex Zimmerman winning over three other candidates with Jefferson County's Pam Crozier finishing second.

In August, District 43 State Senator Chip Perfect resigned just eight months after beginning his term. Perfect, first elected in 2014, gave his endorsement to Randy Maxwell, setting up for Maxwell's easy election in Republican caucus.

In October, because he moved outside of his City Council district, Curtis Chatham resigned Oct. 1, just three months before his term was to end. Joel Storm, who was seeking the office in the general election, was elected in Republican caucus.

Meanwhile, Jeff Rampy resigned from the Madison Township Advisory Board in July, and was replaced by Patti Wallace in Republican caucus.

THE WEATHER

- Severe thunderstorms and heavy winds wreaked havoc on the first Friday in March impacting Jefferson County and surrounding areas, but the worst was a small 1.6 mile stretch along West State Road 56 in Republican Township halfway between Hanover and Lexington, where there was an EF-1 tornado that had sustained winds of 100 mph. The tornado destroyed the home of Whitney and Michael Farmer who were home with one of their two daughters when the tornado blew through their property.
- In November, drought conditions led to several field fires and a burn ban in the Jefferson, Switzerland, Trimble and Carroll counties.

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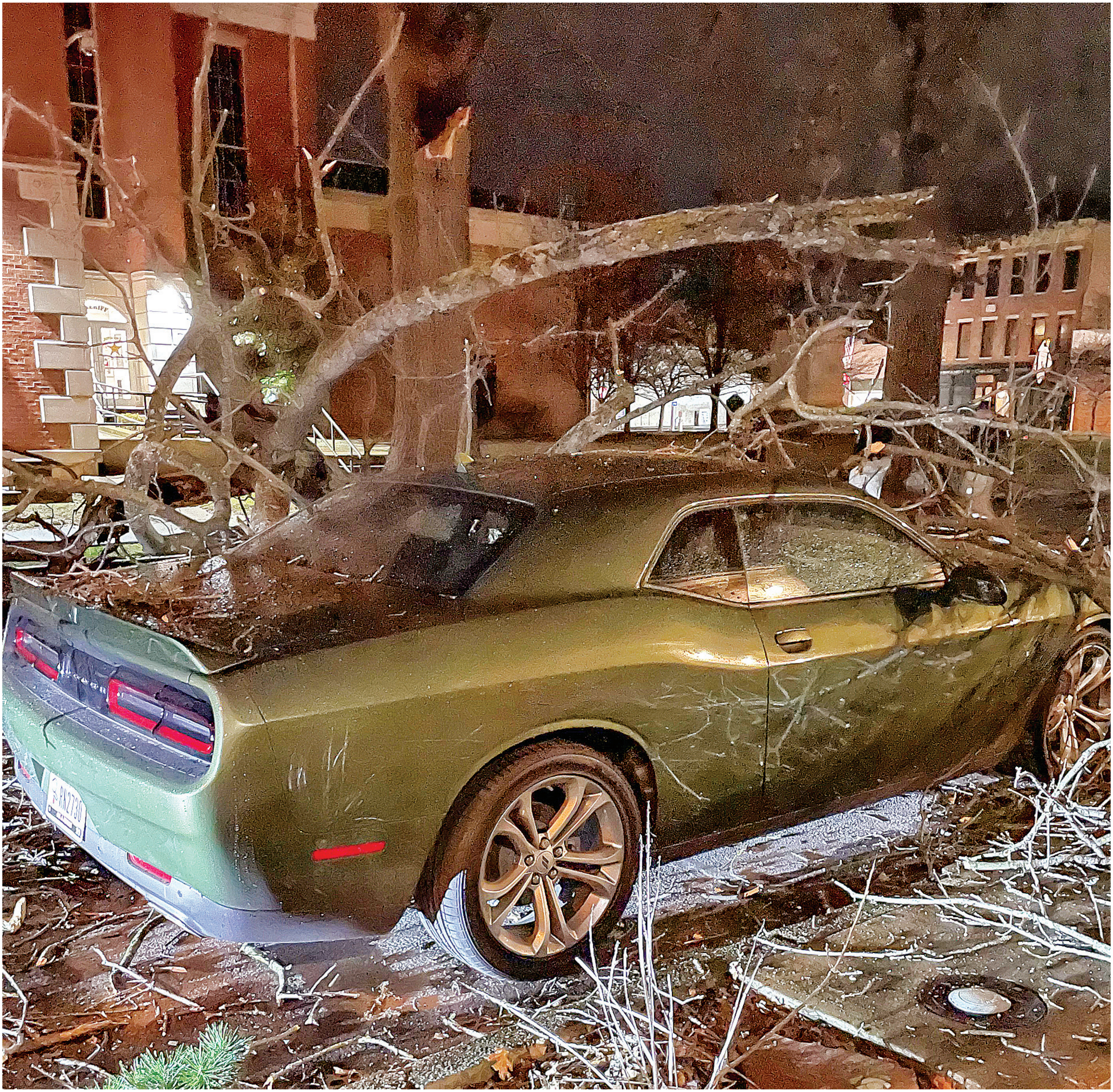

High wind early in February sent a large limb from an ash tree near the county jail on the Jefferson County Courthouse Square crashing down on a resident's car on Walnut Street. The tree, which was discovered to be hollow inside and is on the city's right of way, was marked for removal.

The view behind the home of Whitney and Michael Farmer on West State Road 56 where a large barn, two garages and a garden shed were destroyed Friday by an EF-1 tornado of an estimated 100 mph. The house, which is currently still standing, was also lost because it was moved off the foundation and deemed structurally unsafe.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The ribbon cutting for the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing was held in late October with the opening of four national retailers in a space that was once the Madison Plaza shopping center.
- A contract with Rafferty Development LLC resulted in a development to bring a DG Market to downtown Madison, filling a grocery store void since Ruler Foods closed March 31, 2018.
- The Jefferson County Council approved an economic development agreement that will bring a battery storage facility to Jefferson County.
- A $244 million expansion was announced for North American Stainless (NAS) that will add 70 new jobs to the 1600-acre plant in Carroll County that is already the largest stainless steel producer in the United States.

MADISON PROJECTS

- There was a groundbreaking for the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park after deterioration of the historic pool resulted in demolition of the old pool and construction of new pool due to open in May 2024.
- A groundbreaking and later ribbon cutting was held for Gaines Park to include new playground equipment, shelter house and stage. The work was finished in time for the Broadway Reunion in September where a re-dedication took place.
- Improvements were completed for a revitalized Oak Hill Park that includes new playground equipment, shelter house, dog park and more.
- Work was completed on the Kindness Mural at Mulberry Mural Plaza with a special dedication event in June. Later in the year, landscaping enhancements were completed at the gateway into Madison from Kentucky. In December, the Madison Public Arts Commission contracted with Beverly Strucker Precious for a sculpture that will be created and placed at Gateway park when completed.
- The first two phases of the Ohio River Super Overlook were completed, allowing it to be used as part of the judge's stand at the 2023 Madison Regatta. Phase three to add arches to the top of the overlook is slated to be completed in 2024. The Super Overlook also will be used as a

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- A $13 million water utility infrastructure project started in January was ongoing in the city of Madison throughout the year.

TOWN OF HANOVER PROJECTS

- With the town of Hanover receiving a $574,412 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for improvements to Hanover Community Park, efforts moved forward to improve lighting for the baseball/softball fields, build new storage/officials buildings with restrooms and a tennis court refurbishment.
- A potential $6 million sewer project involving the town of Hanover and Hanover College was in the construction phase, also causing controversy for residents who drive Hanover Beach Hill Road when the project impacted that road, making it rough to travel. By October, re-paving made the road easier to travel.
- With Hanover College and the town working together on Lilly Endowment Inc.'s College and Community Collaboration Initiative, the town was working on a 5-year plan, which is expected to go before it's plan commission early next year.

SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

- Kevin Yancey accepted the position of superintendent at North Lawrence Schools in Bedford, resulting in his resignation as director of facilities at Madison Consolidated Schools. School board member Jay Roney was selected to replace Yancey, requiring Roney's resignation from school board with Brian Armbrecht being selected as his replacement.
- Ronnie Lawhead, assistant principal at Madison Consolidated High School, was named principal with Dan Grill resigning as junior high principal to become assistant principal at the high school. The board hired Jordan Warner as principal of Madison Junior High School, Kenton Mahoney as principal of Rykers' Ridge Elementary School and John Schutte as Cub Enterprise coordinator.
- Lisa Hawkins was named middle school principal at Southwestern, replacing Kristin Bye who resigned to accept the job as assistant principal at Silver Creek Elementary School.

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FIRES

- A fire at Fatboyz Bodyworkz spread throughout the building and left it in shambles in March causing the evacuation of the neighboring Jefferson County Public Safety Center and Fatboyz eventual relocation to Wilson Avenue.
- A 14-year-old Madison girl died in a Wednesday morning house trailer fire in Madison Estates formerly known as Woodside Trailer Park on River Birch Drive. Dulce Cristal Martinez-Ortiz, who was a freshman at Madison Consolidated High

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School, died in spite of attempted rescue efforts by responding emergency personnel.

- The circa 1910 historic structure at 1108 West Main Street in downtown Madison that housed Madison Iron Works was the victim of a structure fire in October. Two days later, a house at 1331 South Riverview Drive in Hanover was destroyed by a fire that began in an attached garage and another fire at 308 Elm Street in Madison destroyed that house that had been fully renovated.
- Four people who were found dead inside a burning home on East Telegraph Hill Road near Madison on Tuesday, Dec. 12, were identified a day later as Naomi Sue Briner, 35; Adelia Briner, 12; Leland Briner, 8; and Iyla Briner, 6, and their cause of deaths were ruled as gunshot wounds.

COURTS

- An initial hearing was held in Jefferson Circuit Court for former Madison Mayor Tim Armstrong following his arrest on eight felony charges for alleged child seduction. Dearborn County/Ohio Circuit Judge Aaron Negangard was appointed as special judge in place of Jefferson Circuit Judge D.J. Mote. The charges allege inappropriate sexual behavior with a 12-year old individual.
- Matthew Redd, Madison, and Christian Kennedy, Hanover, entered guilty pleas for their part in the death of Justin Lane Hall during an altercation and shooting that took place in the parking lot of Madison Precision Products Inc. Redd was sentenced to 25 years to the Indiana Department of Correction while Kennedy was sentenced to 30 years.

INCIDENTS

- Darrin J. McCauley, a native of Madison and graduate of Madison Consolidated High School who now lives in Louisville, was one of nine shooting victims who survived an attack that left five people —including the shooter — dead in an attack at Old National Bank Louisville. McCauley made a full recovery from his injuries.
- A small plane crash just off Florida's Gulf Coast resulted in the deaths for four central Indiana residents including one with ties to Jefferson County. Bethe Horine Beaver, 57, who lived in Jefferson County in her early years, died along with her husband, Ricky Joe Beaver, 60, in the plane crash. The other two victims were William Jeffrey Lumpkin, 64, and Patricia Lumpkin, 68, both of Fishers.

DEATHS

- Al Huntington, the longest serving Mayor in the history of Madison, died in June at the age of 78. He had served as Mayor for 13 years from Dec. 1, 1994 to Dec. 31, 2007.
- Troy Morgan, Jefferson County's Emergency Management Agency director for six years, died at the age of 59 after a short illness. In September, the county's public safety center was renamed the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center.
- Bob Hughes, longtime president of Miss Madison Inc. and founder of Clifty Engineering, died at the age of 89.
- George "Buddy" Byers, the driver who achieved Miss Madison's first win, died at the age of 94 on Dec. 6. Byers drove the Miss Madison unlimited hydroplane for three seasons. He was the oldest remaining Miss Madison pilot.

TRANSITIONS

- Dr. Amanda Harsin was named chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College Madison after serving as interim chancellor since August 2022. Harsin, who had previously been vice chancellor of academic affairs for five years, replaces Molly Dodge, promoted in August to senior vice president of workforce and careers for Ivy Tech Community College.
- Madison Police Chief John Wallace announced his retirement after a career in law enforcement spanning more than 37 years, two months. He has served two terms as Jefferson County Sheriff and two different times as Madison's Police Chief.

AND MORE

- A feasibility study is underway to determine both the need and what would be needed for a YMCA or health wellness facility in Jefferson County — a pursuit for which the nine-member, non-profit Jefferson County Health Initiative (JeffCo) has made a strong commitment. They anticipate receiving the results of the feasibility study in January.
- Lydia Middleton Elementary School, which opened in downtown Madison in the fall of 1923, celebrated its Centennial in October. Among those on hand for the celebration was Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. As part of the Centennial Celebration, a timeline was created that tells the story of Lydia Middleton Elementary School.
- A new playground and park is being developed in the town of Dupont after many fund-raising projects throughout the year. The new playground began with a vision by Dupont resident Dawn Jines, after noting the need for a place for children to play in the town.
- Efforts began to develop the former Dupont Elementary School into a Community Center. With Madison Consolidated Schools closing Dupont Elementary in 2012, ownership was transferred to Lancaster Township effective at the start of 2014 but the building has had minimal use. The township has repaired a section of the roof in preparation for developing community uses for the building in 2024.

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Carmen Elliot, program chair for Paramedic Science at Ivy Tech Madison (left) talks with Karen Joyce (center) and Debbie Stidham (right), at the new ambulance lab that will teach the next generation of EMTs and paramedics how to care for patients in the vehicles used for transport. Joyce and Stidham both have more than 30 years experience as paramedics.

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A late September balloon glow along the Ohio River presented the perfect scene to reflect on the beauty of downtown Madison.

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Zoe Bullock (left) and Annie Zhang (right) look on as Mia Mires delivers the winning Custer Contest presentation from "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe." Mires, who plans to attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City where she will study dance, won the annual oratorical competition at Madison Consolidated High School and the scholarship that goes to the winner.

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The Madison Main Street Gala and Dessert Auction was held in April with several local businesses recognized for their support and performance. Pictured (from left) are: Austin Sims, Madison Main Street executive director; Steve and Elizabeth Thomas of Thomas Family Winery, Business Legacy Award; Beth and Russ Lewis of Old Tyme Marketplace, Business Excellence Award; Larry Ricci, Rainbow River Club, Judy George Tribute Award; Chandler Morris and Jacob Volmer, Morris on Main, Business Innovation Award, and Hilary Beall, president of Madison Main Street.

Habitat for Humanity held an April groundbreaking for its Clifty Woods subdivision that will include six Habitat homes. Pictured (from left) are Joshua Darby, engineer with Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz; Tony Steinhardt III, the city's economic development director; Shelby Wilson, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana; Anastasia James, whose house will be the first built in the new subdivision; Steve Steiner, a member of the Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana board of directors; and Madison Mayor Bob Courtney.

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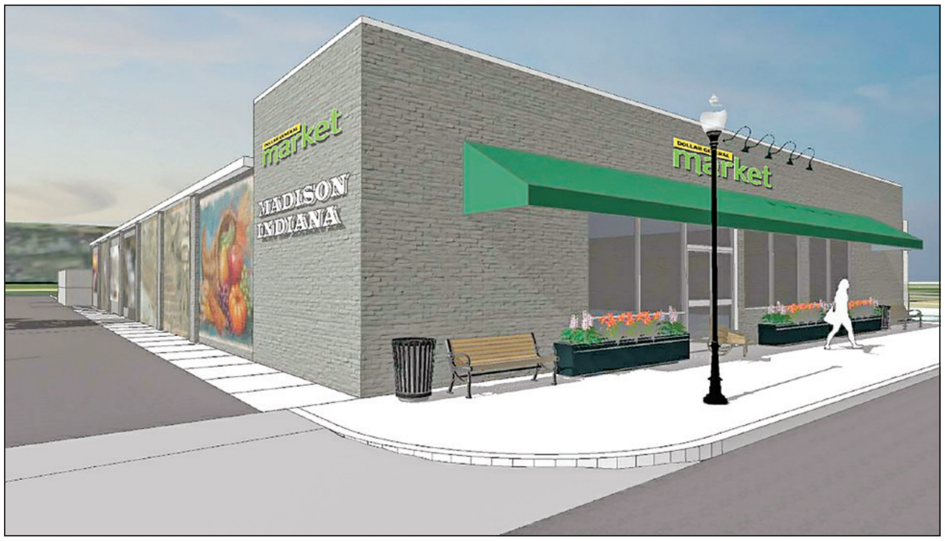
The band 67 Sun performs on the Mulberry and Main outdoor stage at the 2023 RiverRoots Revival music festival. A steady crowd attended the free event as about a half-dozen bands performed in the 400 block of Mulberry Street and Red Bicycle Hall in downtown Madison. The hope is to bring back the event as an annual festival similar to when it was a ticketed event at Bicentennial Park up until 2019.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An architectural rendition on what the proposed DG Market could look like at 120 East Second Street. Madison signed an agreement to sell the property to Rafferty Development LLC at cost and include $350,000 for site and other improvements to once again bring a grocery to downtown Madison.

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Madison Parks and Recreation Department held its inaugural Princess Tea Party at the Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall in June. Pictured (from left) are Sophia Bentz as Snow White, Sophia Reilmann as Mary Poppins, Fionna Magrath as Wendy Darling from Peter Pan, Mia Mires, Miss Northwest Territory Teen, Gabby Vest as Alice in Wonderland, and Emma Reilmann as Belle from Beauty and the Beast. All the girls seated at the table dressed as Disney characters with the exception of Mires, who is competing as Miss Northwest Territory as part of the Miss Indiana Teen competition. Parks Board President Carla Krebs said the tea party is an effort to provide a greater and diverse variety of activities for the community, including non-athletic activities.

Bob Hughes, pictured riding in the 2014 Madison Regatta parade, died June 14, 2023 at age 80. Hughes was the longtime president of Miss Madison Racing and founder of Clifty Engineering.

Highly respected and much appreciated Jefferson County Disaster and Emergency Services director Troy Morgan died June 6, 2023 at age 59, County officials later named the county's public safety center on Green Road the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center.

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The City of Madison held a ground breaking on a $7.2 redevelopment of the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park on Vaughn Drive. Participating in the ceremony were (from left): Madison Economic and Redevelopment Director Tony Steinhardt III; Bethany Legacy Foundation CEO Dora Amin, Andrew Ward of German American Bank, Jefferson County Commissioners President Robert Little, Madison City Council member and Parks Board President Carla Krebs, Mayor Bob Courtney; Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales and Adam Owens of R.L. Turner. Work began on the project immediately with a completion date set for May 2024 just in time for the summer swim season.

Oak Hill Park

Madison held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate completion of a revitalized Oak Hill Park on Madison's hilltop. Pictured at the ceremony on the front row are (from left) Economic and Redevelopment Director Tony Steinhardt III, Parks Director Scott Klein, Deputy Mayor Mindy McGee, Oak Hill resident Jacklyn Means, Mayor Bob Courtney, Clerk/Treasurer Katie Rampy, Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County President & CEO Bill Barnes. Members of Madison City Council are directly behind the front row.

Former Mayor Al Huntington (right) and current Mayor Bob Courtney at the dedication of Madison's new gateway in June 2020. Huntington, Madison's longest serving mayor, died on June 17, 2023, at the age of 78.

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A large crowd of art lovers and public art supporters gathered for festivities and the dedication of the Kindness Mural and Mulberry Street Mural Plaza in June.

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Workers for Mac Construction and Excavating of New Albany, Indiana, use leveling rakes while infilling a section of new sanitary sewers along Hanover Beach Hill Road as part of Hanover's $6,483,000 sewer improvement project funded by the city and Hanover College.

People gather at the new Ohio River Super Overlook during dedication ceremonies in June after completion of phase one of the project. Phase two for terrace seating on each side is began in the fall for completion by next summer. The Madison Riverfront Development Committee is raising funds for phase three which will include the steel beam arches to create the upper level.

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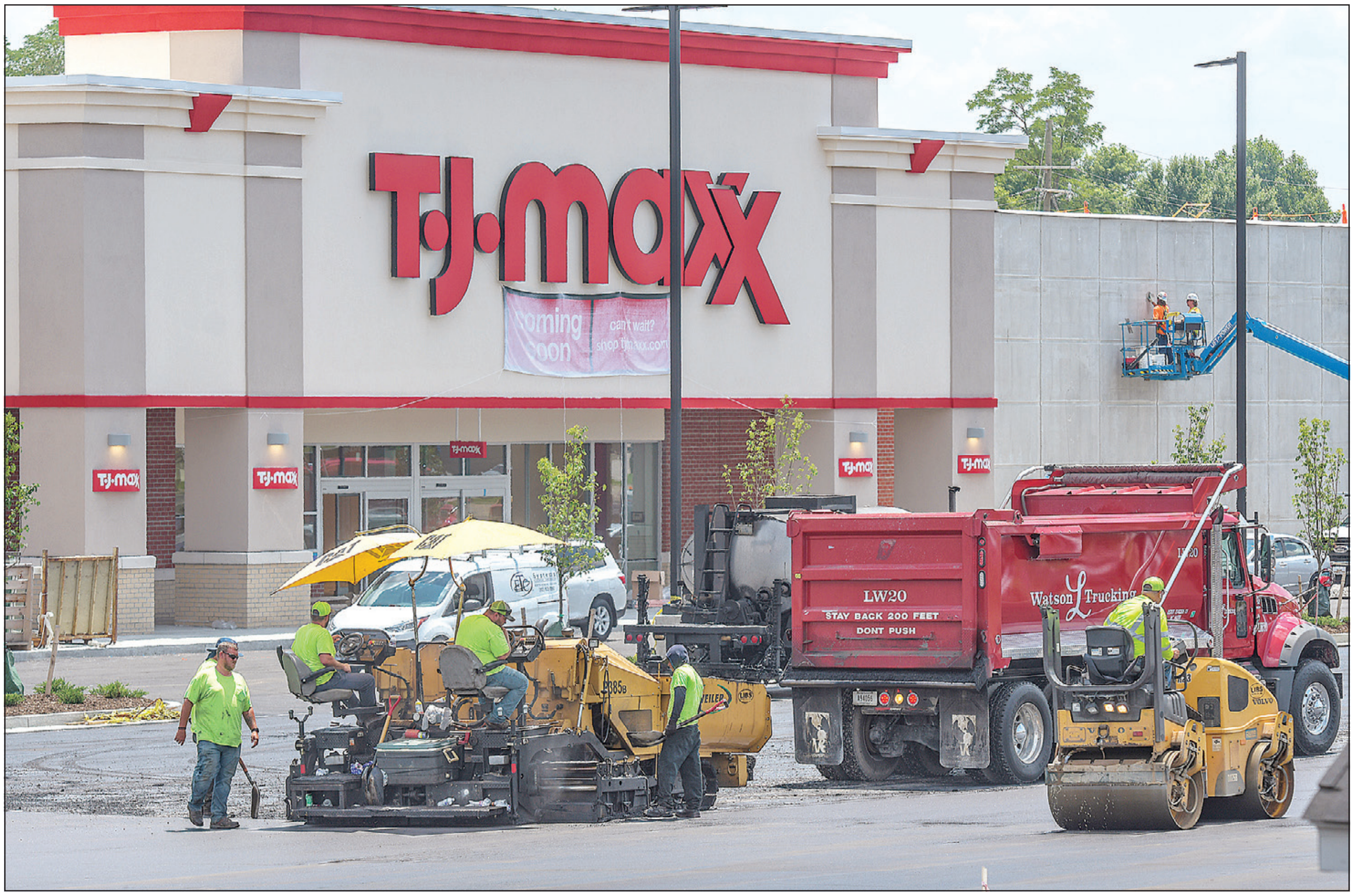
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The Shoppes at Sunrise Crossings, Madison's new national retail outlet on the hilltop at Clifty Drive and Michigan Road, was a beehive of activity as contractors worked to finish the facade of one store while others were busy paving parking lots and roadways, others were stocking and preparing the first store scheduled to open and still others were installing security systems at another store.

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Pool builders work to install piping, pumps and the foundation so that concrete can be poured to build a new multi-million Crystal Beach Aquatic Park by May of 2024.

Enviroscape workers Russell Boswell (left) and Nathan Ferguson work to enhance the entrance into Madison from the Milton-Madison Bridge on US 421 by developing green space with trees and other plants. The US 421 Gateway Park Project is intended to create a park and rest stop area for those entering Madison from the bridge. The project was completed in August but a 16-foot sculpture has been commissioned for installation next year on the opposite some of the street.

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Workers in late August and early September put the finishing touches on the first four national retailers at the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossings on Madison's hilltop.

Rob Barlow gets the final haircut prior to the retirement of local barber Carl William Risk in August after 58 years cutting hair including owner and operator of Carl Risk's Men's Quarters in Hanover the last 50 years.

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Madison Police Chief John Wallace in September talks to local residents about proposed changes to traffic patterns to curb speeding and assist pedestrians on East Main Street in downtown Madison. The city held an informational meeting and answered questions about the proposal at the Fairplay Fire Company No. 1 firehouse. By December, Wallace had announced his retirement after 37 years in law enforcement and a search for his successor was underway.

Jayde Brooks, 6, of Hanover, competes in the hay bale toss during the youth games at the 2023 Chelsea Jubilee.

The ribbon cutting and rededication of the newly renovated Gaines Park was held on during the annual Broadway School Reunion. Pictured (front, from left) are Madison Parks Director Scott Klein; Mary Stewart Pellegrini and Elsie Perry-Payne, both Broadway School alumni; Edward Gaines and Homer Gaines, grandsons of the late Rev. S.M. Gaines for which the park was named; and Sue Livers, Broadway School alum.

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J. Michael Kelly, driver of the U-8 Beacon Electric (left), waits on his boat alongside wife Angela before the Final Heat of the 2023 Madison Regatta. Kelly won not only the Madison race but the season high points title to claim the national boat and driver championships.

Shawe's lone senior, Katie Jacobs, is all smiles celebrating with the Ohio River Valley Conference girls basketball championship trophy after the Hilltoppers clinched Shawe's first conference title since 1994.

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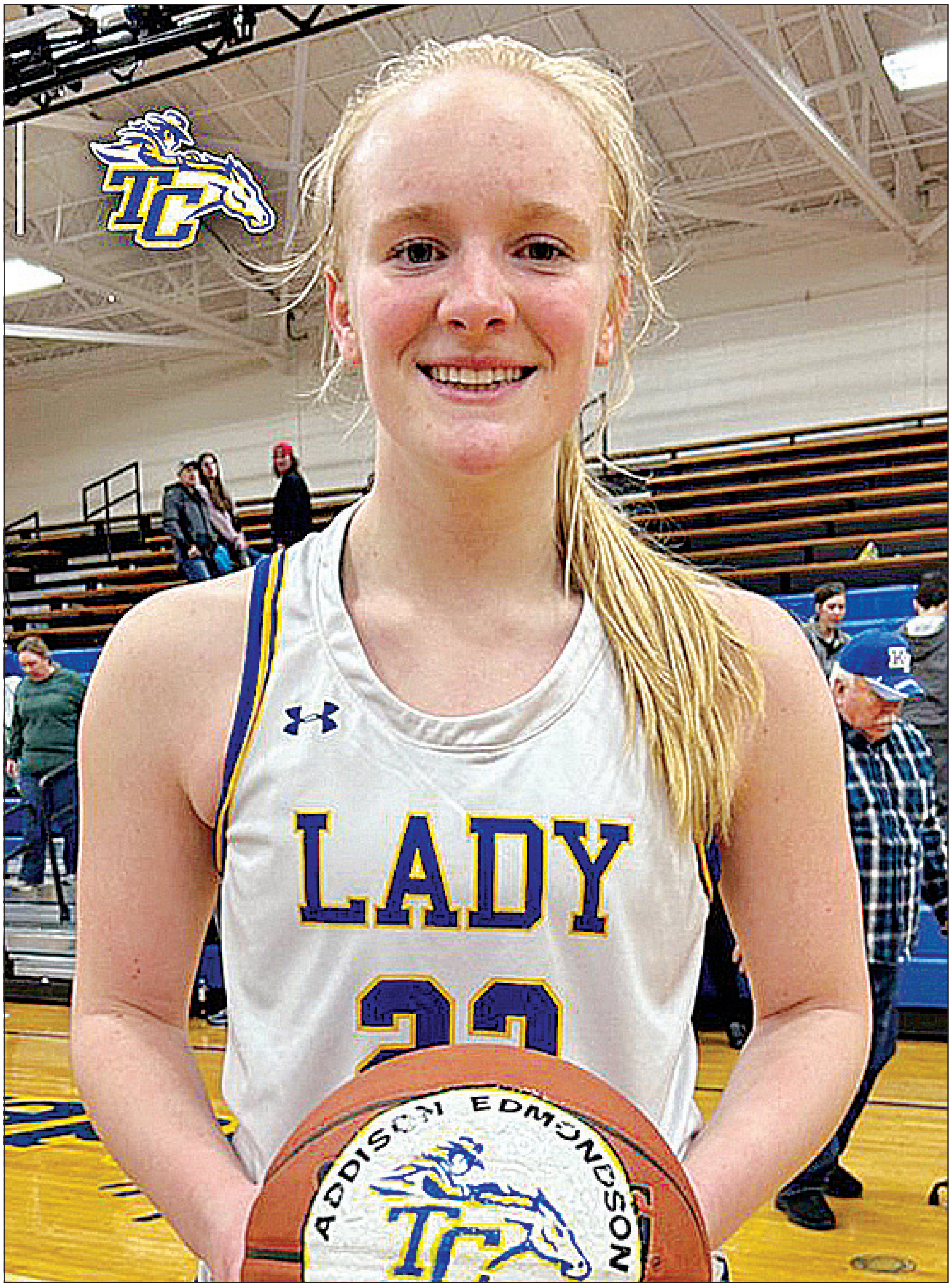
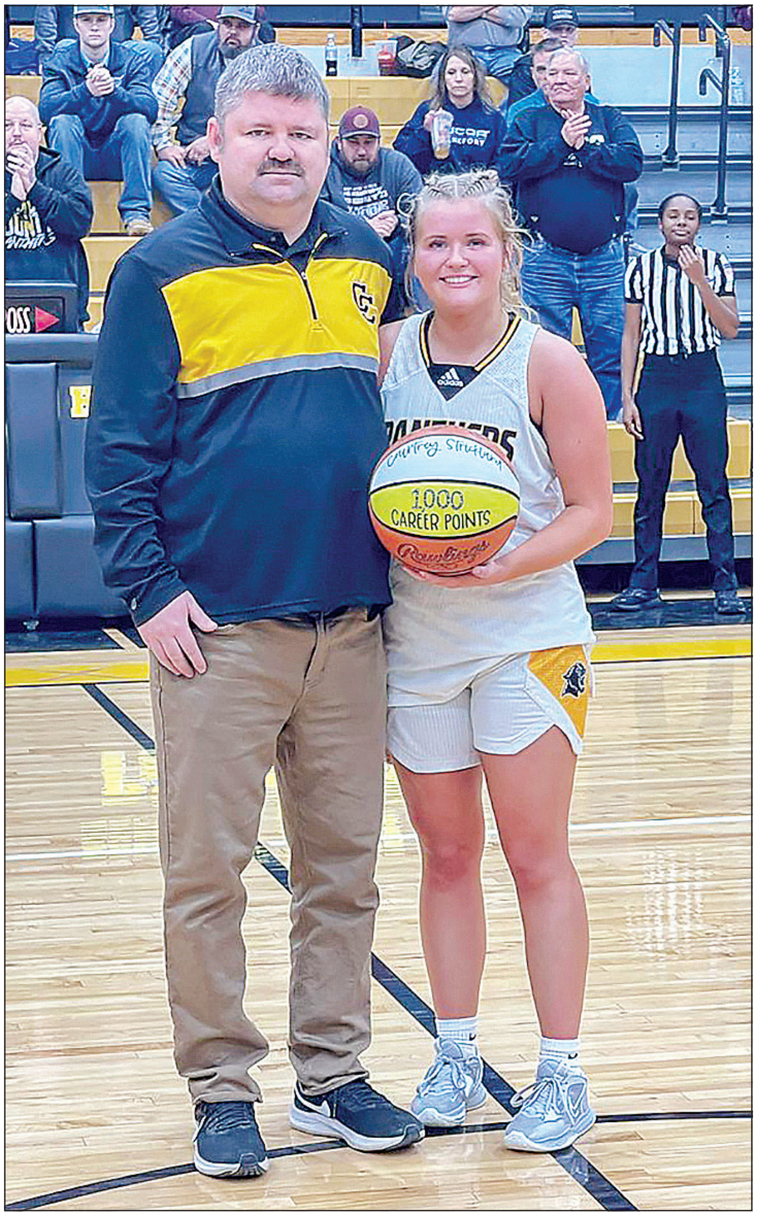


Trimble County junior Addison Edmondson scored her 1,000th-career point in the Lady Raiders' win over Henry County. Edmondson is the 10th player in the program's history to reach the milestone and she returned for her senior years in 2023-24.



Carroll County's Courtney Strickland (right) receives a commemorative basketball from head coach Scott Anderson after scoring her 1,000th career point in the Panthers' 62-39 loss to Owen County.

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Southwestern's Peyton Gwin signs autographs for Little Rebels fans after scoring his 1,000th-career point in the Rebels' 71-70 ORVC championship-clinching win at Rising Sun.

Madison senior pole vaulter Chip Cox clears the bar during the IHSAA State Finals in Bloomington. Cox cleared the bar twice at 14 feet, 6 inches but dislodged it on the way down both times to finish 18th in his final high school competition.

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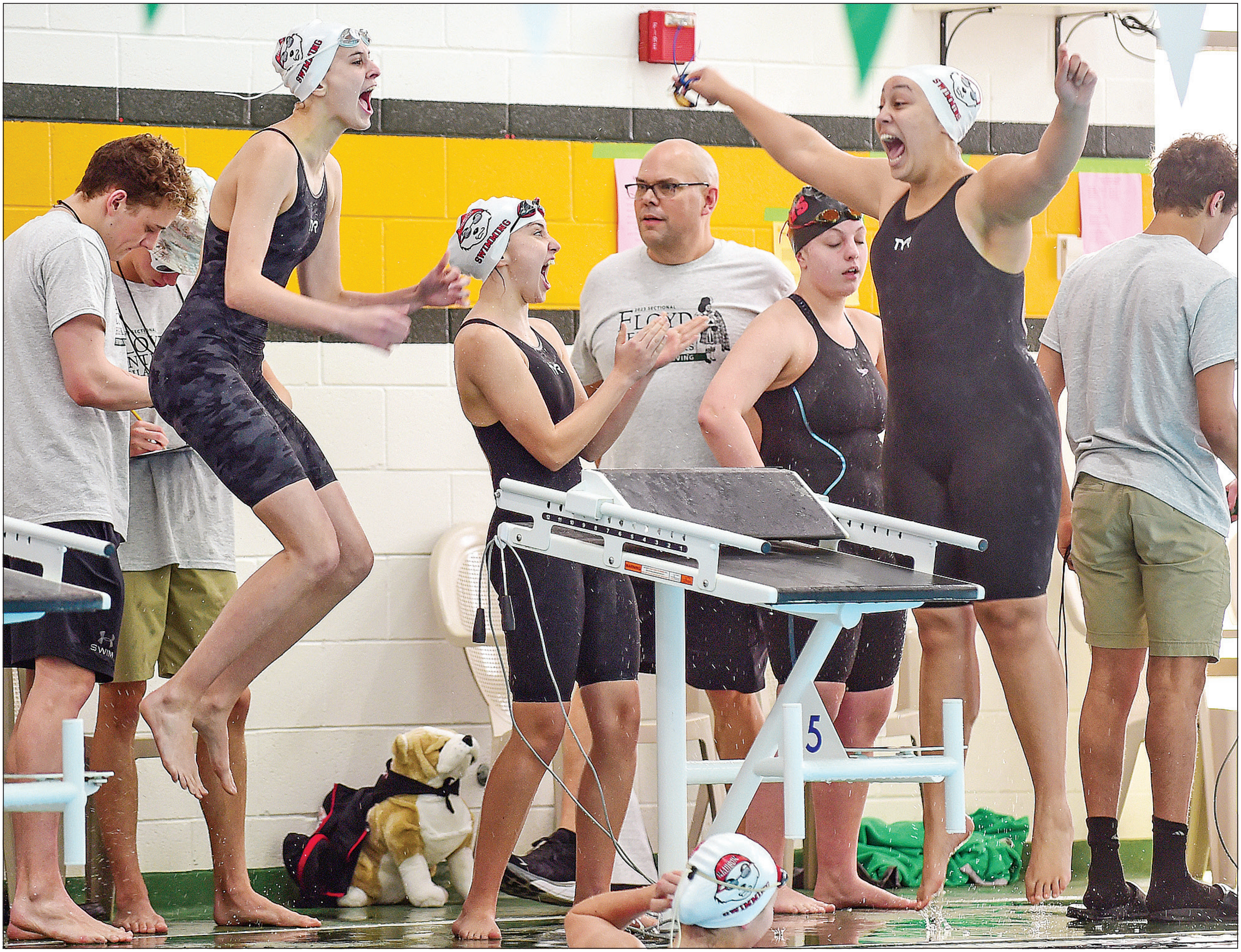

Madison's Reilly Kuppler (leaping, left), Emily Nay (center), Avery Johnson (jumping, right) and Lilly Canida (in water) celebrate breaking the school record in the 200 freestyle relay at the IHSAA Sectional at Floyd Central.

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Madison's Peyton Ford reacts after the Cubs completed the 200-yard freestyle relay at the IHSAA Floyd Central Sectional. Madison finished second but their school-record time of 1:28.28 was good enough to qualify for the state finals.

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Madison's Collin Hite (right) hammers a kill over Southwestern's Connor Johnson during a boys volleyball match at Hanover. The IHSAA added boys volleyball in 2023 and both Madison and Southwestern formed terms.

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Rookie driver Dylan Runne steers the U-1 Miss HomeStreet/Miss Madison during racing in the Madison Regatta in July. Runne took over as driver after Jimmy Shane retired after winning his sixth championship with Miss Madison Racing in 2022. By season's end sponsor HomeStreet Bank had left the sport and the series had reorganized for 2024 with a new board of directors as Hydrotown Group.

Madison golfers (from left) Landon True, Luke Barron, Jackson Lynch and Henry Ashley drench teammate Clayton Benkert (middle) with water after Benkert won the IHSAA Madison Boys Golf Sectional at Sunrise Golf Course in Madison.

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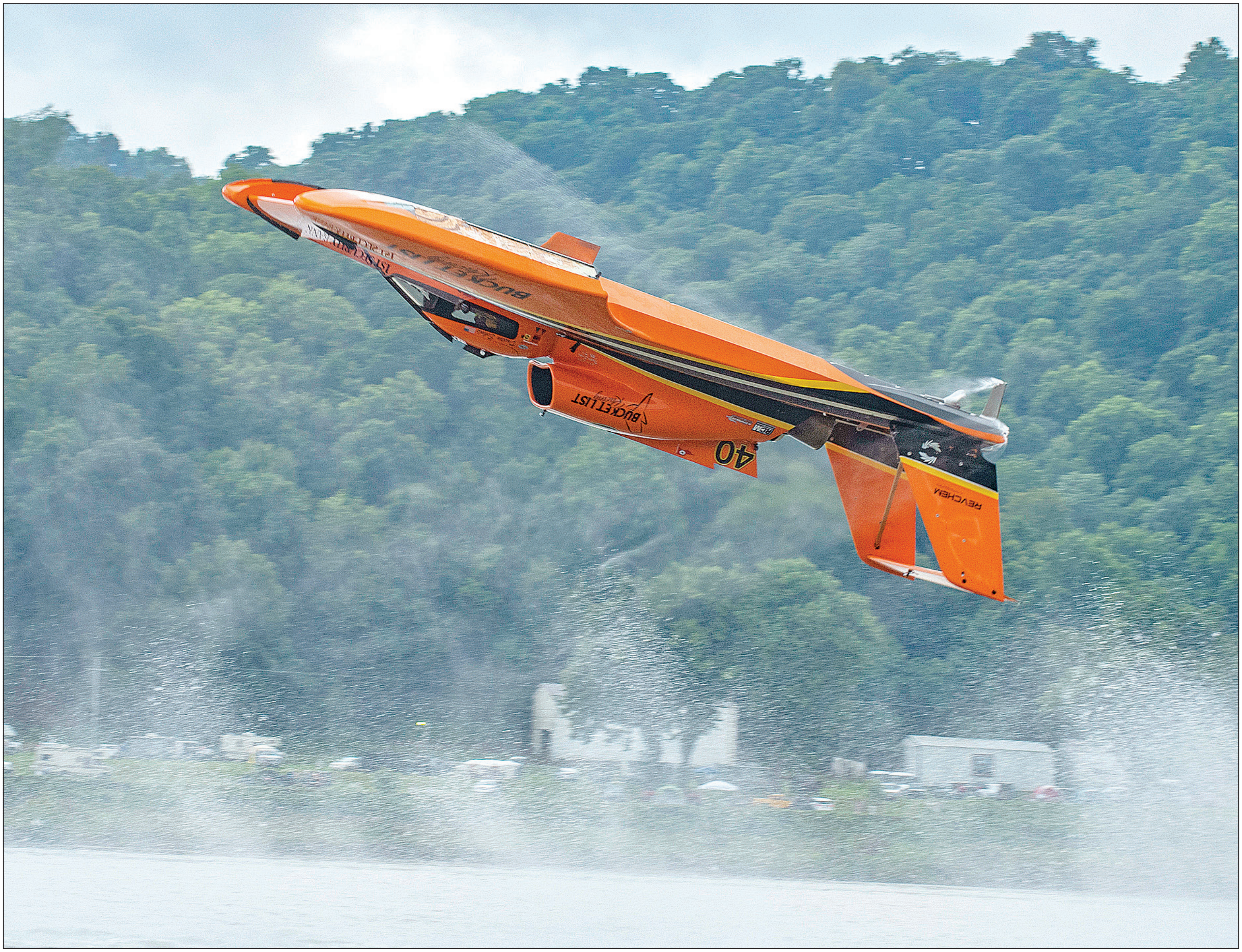

The U-40 Bucket List Racing and driver Dustin Echols does a 360-degree flip at the start of the second lap of the Final Heat of the 2023 Madison Regatta Indiana Governor's Cup final. Echols was taken to the hospital and released. The boat suffered a major crack in its transom and needed extensive repairs.

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Madison sophomore Emmi Dowell shot a season-low 81 to win the 2023 IHSAA Sectional at Sunrise Girls Golf Course on Saturday.

Madison's girls golf team including — (from left) Assistant coach Shannon Barger, Aleigh Wilson, Caity Dailey, Emmi Dowell, Eliza Burnette, Lauren Conner and head coach Jake Schockley — won its third-straight sectional title in 2023.

Southwestern's Braden Helton reaches for a shot during the Rebels' 3-2 loss to Austin in the IHSAA sectional semifinals. Helton won his match at No. 1 singles to advance to the individual sectional.

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Madison's boys soccer team celebrates with the sectional trophy after beating South Dearborn for the Rushville Sectional championship. The title was the Cubs' second in the past three years.

Jac-Cen-Del Athletic Director Paul Stone ducks away after presenting the sectional trophy to Southwestern boys soccer team. The Rebels were celebrating after beating the host Eagles 5-0 to win the 2023 boys Class A sectional title.

Switzerland County's girls soccer team dances around senior Halle Archer (with trophy) after she was named Most Valuable Player of the Pacers' 2023 sectional championship win. The title was the Pacers' third-straight.

Hanover women's soccer celebrates after beating Transylvania 1-0 to win the 2023 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament championship.

Southwestern boys basketball team celebrates with the Old Oaken Bucket after beating Madison for the third-straight year in their annual Turkey Shootout season opener.

Madison sophomore Juliana Davis jumps into her teammate's arms after scoring 29 points and pilfering a school-record 11 steals to lead Madison to a 61-38 win over Southwestern for the Cubs' 12th straight in in the Turkey Shootout.

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